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OUTLINES.

City Recorder Broyles, of Atlanta, condemns the "near beer saloon" as a dispenser of intoxicating drinks and recommends that the Legislature amend the law and make it unlawful to sell beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol. ——A delegation of lawyers from this State urges the President to appoint Judge Adams to the vacant judgeship ——The Federal Supreme Court dismisses the injunction suit against the 80 cent gas law, with leave to the company to reinstate the suit if after trial the price is found to be non-remunerative——Justice Thompkins orders Thaw to be brought before him, application to have his sanity trial by a jury——In the Hains murder trial the defendant yesterday began his testimony in him own behalf——The President-elect feels regret at the criticisms in some quarters of Charles P. Taft's withdrawal from the Senatorial contest and the reasons assigned——Ambassador Griscom has chartered an Austrian Lloyd steamship for use in aiding the earthquake sufferers. He also hands over $250,000 from the American Red Cross——Congress yesterday appropriated $800,000 for the relief of the Italian earthquake victims ——The President's message on the secret service matter was read in the House yesterday and was referred to the special committee. It reading caused much laughter. A motion to return it was made and withdrawn ——The Federal Supreme Court refuses to reopen the $20,000,000 fine case against the Standard Oil Company——Charles Brown, a farmer living near Selma, N. C., was fatallyy shot from ambush Sunday night by an unknown person——A shooting affair occurred yesterday in the streets of Columbus, Ga., between two brothers-in-law——In the Erb murder trial yesterday Mrs. Beisel, one of the defendants began her testimony——Indictments are found against seven of the Pittsburg boodlers——New York Markets: Money on call steady 2 to 3 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-4. Cotton quiet, middling uplands 9.35, middling gulf 9.60. Flour dull and steady. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.08 to 1.09 1-2 elevator. Corn easy, No. 65 3-4 elevator. Ooats steady, mixed 54 to 54 1-2. Rosin quiet. Turpentine firm 41 3-4.

Those Birmingham committeemen surely did taffy Taft last Saturday.

Scylla and Charibdis are as great death traps now as they were in the old days of the Romans.

Senator Tillman will allow the White House to admit him to its sacred precincts after March 4th.

We suppose Hearst will take all the credit to himself, with his stolen letters, for Foraker's defeat.

Nineteen hundred and eight was the year of the automobile's triumph. Will 1909 see that of the airship?

We do not reckon Taft was very anxious for his brother to land the Senatorship in present circumstances.

Lynching has become such a usual proceeding in Kentucky that a mob tried to hang the Mayor of Newport.

We hope the old saying that "a green Yule makes a fat grave-yard" will be shown this year not to be true.

The dismissal of Grand Councillor Yuan Shi-Kai will hardly amount to more than a tempest in a china teapot.

Some Congressmen will breathe easier after that message on the secret service part of the annual message is read.

What do you suppose they will accuse Harriman of next? We thought his accusers had already reached the limit.

When Kaiser William found he would not be allowed to give public expression to his feelings he swore off from beer.

What about the prospects of Burton's election to the Senate giving the Democrats another member of the House?

The most complete eclipse of the year will occur on the 4th of March next, when the shadow of Taft will fall on Roosevelt.

Mayor McClellan would do society more good if he would let the moving picture shows alone and turn his attention to "higher up" immorality.

Those peat fires in Pocahontas county, Va., must have frightened the people badly to cause them to call on the State Geologist for an explanation,

The country will be flooded with eloquence for the next few weeks. Congress and the Legislatures in many of the States will be in session.

Not a "stone fence," but a stone wall those people of Alabama and Mississippi are butting up against in their efforts to upset the prohibition laws of their States.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

No License to Druggists, None to Near-Beer Saloons, Say the City Fathers.

$140,000 WATERWORKS

Library of Congress

Committee Authori... Make That Offer at Meeting ... ight— Usual Routine and ...nimportant Proceedings.

No license to near-beer saloons, no license to druggists to sell liquor and a vote of 6 to 4 to offer the Clarendon Water Works Company $140,000 for its plant were the salient features of last night's regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which lasted only a little more than two hours, contrary to the general expectation for a lengthy session.

All memebrs of the Board were in attendance; also Messrs. C. W. Worth, W. E. Perdew and M. W. Jacobi, constituting the Water and Sewerage Commission, who had been invited to be present to hear the negotiations in regard to the purchase of the water plant. Anticipating a lively session over the waterworks and the several phases of the prohibition question, there were also in attendance a large number of spectators, who manifested a lively interest in the proceedings. The minutes of the preceding meetings, regular and special were read and approved. Before proceeding regularly with the call of standing committees, the Mayor stated that any special matters would be taken up and Captain R. W. Price was heard in behalf of the Fort Fisher Survivors' Association, the executive Committee of which asked an appropriation of $150 to help defray the expenses of the committee to Washington, D. C., on January 15th, at which time an effort will be made to further the movement before Congress to have the government adopt Fort Fisher as a National park or reservation. By unanimous vote an appropriation of $150 was made for the purposes set forth by Captain. Price.

The usual monthly reports were read and approved. Fire Chief Schnibben reported 12 alarms during the month and a property loss of not exceeding $1,500. The superintendent of health reported 49 deaths, 22 white and 27 colored; 69 births, 28 white and 41 colored. Health officers made 5,858 inspections during December, issued 110 lime and acid orders and did six fumigations. Three cases of diphtheria and two of typhoid fever were reported during the month. The City Clerk and Treasurer reported $10,480.45 balance December 1st, collections of $30,916.46 during the month, making a total of $41,396.97, out of which there were disbursements of $15,408,42, leaving a balance of $25,988.49 on January 1st.

Chairman Ellis reported for the Sanitary Committee that about half the pipe for the Fifth ward drainage had been approved upon inspection by the City Engineer but there was not enough to proceed with the work. Various drain pipes had been laid in different parts of the city. Chairman Ellis reported very unsatisfactory sewerage conditions at foot of Princess street and the Mayor stated that the complaint would be looked after. No action was taken in regard to the Fifth ward drainage.

Chairman Rathjen, of the Market Committee reported the death of March E. Walker, the faithful colored janitor at Front street market, to whom he paid tribute, and said that temporary arrangements had been made as to his successor. Repairs to Front street market were reported completed.

Chairman French reported the completion of Chesnut street dock and upon recommendation of the chairman, the committee was instructed to proceed with the repair of Princess street dock. Alderman King asked for a fire alarm box at Sixth and Dawson streets and the committee was instructed to place a box at the location named out of the regular fire appropriation.

Chairman Jawell reported certain repairs to the City Hall building that would greatly reduce the insurance rate on the property.

Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee, said the waterworks and sewerage bonds would doubtless be delivered this week. The Board of Audit and Finance was in session just across the hall and by resolution complete the record, consummating the sale.

Chairman Wood, of the special water works committee, reported that after a tongue-lashing at the office of the company, they had all agreed on an inspection of the pipe and had excavated four and six-inch sections of mains and found them in very good order. The committee had not met to agree on a price to pay for the Clarendon plant and he had nothing definite to report as to that. Alderman Bolles followed Mr. Wood, stating that at the last meeting he had made a motion that the committee be authorized to offer the Clarendon Water Works Co., $140,000 for its plant. At the former meeting some of the members had objected on the ground that the money was not then in hand. Now the bonds are practically sold and he

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ST. PAUL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Annual Meeting Held Sunday Afternoon Shows Year Just Passed Most Prosperous in History—Model Institution.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School held on the 3rd inst. gave evidence that the school is in a prosperous condition. In a carefully prepared report, Secretary Wright stated that the school had an enrollment of 205. The teaching staff is composed of 23 earnest men and women and these together with seven officers administer the affairs of the school. The total attendance during the year was 8,046, making an average attendance of 155, the largest in the history of the school; 136 visitors were recorded during the year. The net income of the school was $549 of which sum a little more than half was given to foreign missions. The following officers were elected at the meeting for the year 1909.

Superintendent—Mr. H. F. Otten.
Assistant Superintendent—Mr. W. S. Clayton.
Secretary and Treasurer—Mr. Edward Wright.
Organist—Miss Bertie Hanson.
Assistant Organist — Miss Annie Tienken.
Librarian—Mr. J. H. Hintze.
Assistant Librarian—Mr. Richard Rose.

The Sunday School of St. Paul's is well organized and is doing effective work. Its teachers are training in brief normal sessions each Sunday by the pastor and its classes are graded in an up-to-date manner, children passing through nine grades and the teachers remaining in the same grade each year as in the public school system. The school itself is one of the links in a chain of religious instruction, which obtains at St. Paul's, and is one of the model schools in the Southern Lutheran Church.

MR. L. B. ROGERS BEREAVED

His Father Passed Away in Mullins, S. C., on Saturday Afternoon.

Friends of Mr. Leroy B. Rogers, of the D. L. Gore Co., this city, will tenderly sympathize with him in the death of his father, Mr. G. W. Rogers, a well known merchant and farmer of Mullins, S. C., who passed away at his home there Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock. Mr. Rogers was about 65 years of age and was held in the highest esteem in the community in which he lived. Mr. L. B. Rogers left at once to be with his father upon learning of his critical illness and remainined there yesterday for the funeral. The deceased was preceded to the grave about two years ago by his wife and leaves now of the immediate family to mourn their loss, five sons and one daughter, all of whom have the tenderest sympathy of a great many friends in their sorrow. They are Mr. L. B. Rogers, of Wilmington; Messrs. F. C., and E. C., and L. L. Rogers, of Mullins, S. C.; Mr. L. E. Rogers, of Floral City, Fla., and Miss Annie Rogers, of Mullins, S. C.

GREEKS HAD DIFICULTY

Four Arrests for Simple Assault and One For False Pretense.

A general row among a number of Greeks in the Dixie Cafe early Sunday night in which several alleged assaults took place, resulted in the arrest of four yesterday, these being Mike Michael, Mike Masuras, Louis Panajaskos, and James Constantakes. The warrants were sworn out on the affidavit of the parties under arrest, the first two causing the others' arrest. The trouble is said to have been caused over a frivolous matter regarding the sale of peanuts.

Louis Panajaskos, who recently came to this city had a second warrant issued against him, the prosecuting witness being John Anders, on the charge of false pretense. The latter alleges that the accused obtained $3.50 from him by false representation. The cases will be tried in the mayor's court Thursday.

LEAVES FOR ANOTHER TOW.

Alexander Jones Expects to Leave For Nassau This Afternoon.

The tug Alexander Jones, Capt. W. A. Sanders, which recently returned from a successful tow of the schooner Carrie A. Norton from Kingston, Jamaica, to Wilmington, will leave this afternoon for Nassau for another tow. She will tow from Nassau to Hampton Roads the large four-masted schooner Benj. F. Poole, of something over 1,100 tons, and loaded with salt. She sprang a leak some time ago and having completed temporary repairs contracted for the tow to Hampton Roads.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. O. Brown—Repairing.
Gem Cigar Co.—Notice.
E. Warren & Son—Bread and Cakes.
Crystal Palace—This Week's Menu.
Academy of Music—"Knight for a Day."
J. M. Solky & Co.—Overcoats and Raincoats.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Remnants and Odds and Ends.

Business Locals.

For Sale—Pool Tables and Fixtures.
For Rent—Nice Rooms.
Lost—Bull Dog.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Legislators Already Arriving For Bi-ennial Session Which Will Convene Wednesday Noon.

SCRAMBLE FOR OFFICES

Speakership Race Most Interesting—Contest From Dare—Abolish Convict Camps in Counties. Five Murder Cases.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Incoming trains have brought in candidates innumerable for offices and clerkships of the General Assembly. They and their friends are working hard as ever they can on the law-makers as they arrive. A much greater number of legislators will come in tomorrow, however, and the final contest for positions comes in the caucus of Democratic members tomorrow night.

In the speakership contest each of the three candidates manifest confidence. R. H. Hayes, of Chatham, first on the scene, says he is absolutely certain of winning. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, reached here this evening and manifests equal confidence. A. W. Graham, of Granville, the third candidate, has just reached here, and says he is well satisfied with the situation. Such members as R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, will have great influence in turning the tide to one or another of the candidates. He has not arrived as yet and no candidate has succeeded yet in getting any intimation even from him as to his preference.

The same is true of a number of other more prominent members of the House. It looks like the whole contest will be "in the air" until the caucus passes on the contest.

As to other legislative appointments A. J. Maxwell has no opposition for the Senate clerkship. Editor T. G. Cobb, of Morganton, is regarded as sure of the House clerkship. For doorkeeper of the House J. C. Kerr, of Caswell is opposing J. C. Lisk, who is seeking re-election. Geo. L. Kirkpatrick, of Kinston, is also in the race with a strong following. The indications are that R. M. Phillips will be reading clerk of the House and R. L. Ballue, of Ashe in the Senate. The Assembly convenes Wednesday at noon.

M. L. Shipman, commissioner-elect of Labor and Printing, announces the appointment of George B. Justice, of Charlotte, as assistant commissioner. Mr. Justice is a son of Rev. T. B. Justice, of Franklinton, and a nephew of Judge M. H. Justice He has served as foreman of the Greensboro Telegram, Charlotte News, Charlotte Observer, Mutual Publishing Co., Edwards & Broughton, E. M. Uzzell and others.

One of the first members of the Legislature to arrive is Chas. T. Williams, Democrat, of Dare county, with his seat contested by J. M. Stringfield, who ran against him on an independent ticket. The official majority for Mr. Williams shown by the returns is just three votes and Mr. Stringfield's contention is that errors in the count in one or more precincts, if corrected as they should be, would turn the majority in his favor. In the contest Stringfield will be represented by R. M. Simms, Esq., of Raleigh, and Williams by E. F. Aydlett and other counsel.

That the policy in North Carolina of allowing individual counties to maintain convict camps independent of the supervision and control of the State prison authorities, be abolished is a special recommendation in the annual report of the board of directors of the State prison just filed for the General Assembly The report urges that the State be given direct control of all persons sentenced in all the counties to terms of imprisonment and all sentenced for felonies less than capital, be committed direct to the penitentiary and those sentenced for misdemeanors be committed either to the State farm or the nearest "misdemeanor camp," all to be under the care and control of the directors of the State's prison. Furthermore, that the directors be empowered to hire out convicts to counties for road work at one dollar per day in squads of not less than fifty, control and maintenance to remain with the State and the road work done to be in accordance with a general State highway scheme and under the supervision of a State highway engineer. There are now about forty counties in the State maintaining independent convict camps and the penitentiary management declares that these can but be fruitful of the most serious abuses.

Judge Lyon convened Wake Superior Court this morning for a two weeks' term during which there are five murder cases and one case for criminal assault scheduled for trial provided the grand jury finds true bills in them all as it probably will. Far and away the most notable of these is the trial of Earle Cotton, son of a prominent physician here, and Tim Holderfield, on the charge of the robbery and murder of Dr. E. W. Smith, of Richmond, Va., who, while here November 14th, traveling salesman for the White Oak Coal Co., Richmond, was robbed and killed and his body found the following morning in the rock quarry east of the city.

AUDIT AND FINANCE BOARD

Special Session Last Night to Pass on Form of Bonds Adjourned to This Evening—Other Business Was Transacted.

Quite contrary to the expectations of all, the Board of Audit and Finance in special session last night at the City Hall did not finally pass upon the form and execution of the city bonds for the waterworks and sewerage and the matter is left open for an adjourned session to be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All members of the Board were present last night except Mr. C. W. Yates and in conference with City Attorney Marsden Bellamy, Jr., some doubt arose among members of the Board as to the right of the city to issue a "gold bond" under the act of the Legislature and action was deferred until a reply can be had from the purchasers, N. W. Harris & Co., New York, in regard to the particular wording of the securities in this respect. The telegram was forwarded last night and a reply is expected in time for the Board to take final action this evening. Pending final action of the Board of Audit and Finance the Waterworks Committee of the Board of Aldermen has decided to defer making the authorized offer of $140,000 to the Clarendon Waterworks Co., for its plant until tomorrow, though it had been expected that the offer would be made today. Chairman Bolles, of the Finance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, who has had much experience in such matters, said last night that there was absolutely no objection to a gold bond and did not see anything in the point raised before the Board of Audit and Finance.

The only other action taken by the Board of Audit and Finance last night was concurrence in the appropriation of $150 by the Board of Aldermen to the Fort Fisher Survivors' Association for pressing the matter of a National park on the famous battlefield before Congress at the present session, it being the purpose to send a committee thither on Jan. 15th to go before the committee on Military Affairs. Chairman McQueen being a member of the Fort Fisher Survivors' Association and treasurer of the same, called Mr. Tiencken to the chair when this action was taken and was excused from voting.

GREENFIELD MILL POND SOLD.

Messrs Carter & Brice Purchasers—Other Real Estate Transfers.

By a deed filed for record yesterday, for $100 and other considerations not given, Mrs. Grace D. Turlington and Miss Grace C. Turlington, only heirs-at-law of the late W. H. Turlington, transferred to Messrs. W. B. Brice, Z. J. Carter and N. H. Carter, the valuable property located in South Wilmington and known as "Turlington's Mill" or Greenfield Mill. The purchasers some time ago bought other lands in the vicinity and announced their purpose of developing a park there. The purchase of the entire property now would indicate that they had even larger plans for developing this most attractive site.

Other deeds filed for record yesterday were as follows: Mrs. Lucy F. Perry to P. M. Holmes, for $100 and other considerations, property on west side of Anderson 66 feet north of Green street, 33x165 feet in size. W. M. Cumming and wife to Frank Lahna and wife, for $2,015, property at 515 South Second street, 33x165 feet in size. W. M. Cumming and wife to J. E. Boylan, for $100 and other considerations, property on east side of Eighth, 41 feet south of Chesnut street, 41x66 feet in size.

TO DISCONTINUE BUSINESS

Wilmington Drug Company Names C. D. Weeks, Esq., as Trustee.

Setting forth that he is desirous of discontinuing the business at No. 320 North Fouprth street and of reducing all assets to cash with as little delay and expense as possible in order that all creditors may be paid in full, D. Archie Bulluck, trading as the Wilmington Drug Company, yesterday filed at the Court House a deed of trust, naming C. D. Weeks as trustee and empowering him to dispose of the business, collect all accounts, etc., as to him may be deemed best, settling with the creditors from time to time pro rata until all have been paid and turning over any residue to him. It is stated that Mr. Bulluck found the business unprofitable and that he determined upon the means adopted as the best for a liquidation of his affairs.

THE MOCK COURT TRIAL

Promises to Be Fine Entertainment Next Thursday Evening.

The Mock Court Trial to be given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the Academy of Music, Thursday evening, promises to be an event of unusual interest. Judging from newspaper reports of similar entertainments conducted by the Newton Entertainment Bureau, it would seem to be one of the most attractive things now before the public.

It will be, in the first place, an exact reproduction of a court scene in methods and procedure. A real object and on this account will possess the charm of novelty to ladies and others who have never attended a real trial. Tickets are on sale at the Y. M. C. A. building.

ALLOWS NO LICENSE

Board of County Commissioners Officially Takes Action in Regard to Druggists.

THE SALE OF ALCOHOL

Medical Dispensary at Hospital—Regular Meeting of Board Yesterday Afternoon—Road Bonds Sold—Proceedings.

Recognizing the necesity of the ordinary grain and wood alcohol for use in the compounding of prescriptions and for other strictly medical purposes, but at the same time appreciating the advisability of throwing every safeguard around its sale in view of the prohibition law, the Board of County Commissioners in regular monthly session yesterday afternoon decided to modify its former action in regard to the sale of intoxicants by druggists and instructed the county attorney to draft a bill to be presented at the session of the Legislature this week, specifying the James Walkel Memorial Hospital as a dispensary where such alcohol may be sold upon the prescription of a reputable physician and making it unlawful for all others to sell the product.

In the meantime druggists are permitted to sell alcohol and intoxicants, so far as the Commissioners are concerned, under prescriptions from reputable physicians until January 20th, after which date no license will be granted to druggists for the sale of any kind of intoxicants and alcohol only may be had on prescriptions from the hospital; provided, however, that the Board of Managers of the Hospital consent to such an arrangement in connection with the pharmacy maintained there.

The Board met shortly after 3 o'clock, Chairman D. McEachern and Commissioners Vollers, Divine and Montgomery and County Attorney Bellamy in attendance. Mr. J. P. Walton appeared before the Board and asked for a footway across Hewlett's Creek, the county to furnish the material and residents in the neighborhood to do the work. The matter was referred to the Road Committee with power to act.

The Clerk of the Superior Court reported $24 in fines and forfeitures collected since last report. The Superintendent of Health reported three cases of diphtheria during December. 119 patients treated in the office and eight at their homes. One case of fever in the Home and three at the camp constituted the acute sickness during the month. The county institutions were reported in the usual good sanitary condition.

Chairman McEachern announced the following standing committees:

Public Building—Vollers, McEachern and Divine.

County Home—Montgomery, Vollers and Divine.

Permanent Roads—McEachern, Divine and Vollers.

County Roads—Robertson, Montgomery and Divine.

Bridges—Divine, Robertson and McEachern.

Supt. Hardee reported seven white and 14 colored patients; six white and 16 colored convicts in the County Home during the month.

Bond of G. C. Simmons, county standard keeper, in the sum of $200 with Geo. W. Penny and J. C. Boesch as sureties, was referred for correction of clerical error.

The chairman reported the recent issue of $50,000 road improvement bonds delivered to E. H. Rollins & Son, of Boston, and draft for same placed in bank, according to terms of the recent sale.

Road Superintendent Hocutt reported 51 cars of rock used on Masonboro road and 11 cars furnished the city during the month. One-half mile of Masonboro road was graded and half a mile was completed during December. Work of making a heavy fill at Purvine's Creek is now in progress. Considerable repair work has been done on Castle Hayne and Scott's Hill roads. All work was done with a force of 24 men and 14 carts. On account of sickness 114 days were lost in camp and three days were lost by the entire force of 83 men, on account of rain.

In response to communication of Mr. Pembroke Jones the repair of bridges over Lee's and Bradley's creeks was referred to the Roads Committee.

Road Superintendent Herbert Hocutt was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year and was instructed to renew his bond.

Commissioner Divine stated that he had been approached by several druggists of the city, who, with no purpose of engaging in the sale of liquor by prescription or otherwise, desired to have their status under the new law defined. The city attorney read the law and while consideration of the subject was in progress, a delegation of druggists came in, among the number being Messrs. H. L. Fentress, W. H. Green, L. B. Sasser, J. Hicks Bunting and B. C. Moore. There was also present Mr. H. G. Fennell, president of the Law Enforcement League. The Chairman stated that the Board was already on record on this question; that the law had been car-

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THE WHY AND THE WHEREFORE?

Taft in his reply to the committee from Birmingham which visited him last Saturday said that the breaking of the Solid South would not be of benefit to the Republican national party; for that if several Southern States were to go Republican this would be counterbalanced by some Northern States now solidly Republican breaking away from that party. What we want to know is why the politicians at the North of the Republican party are so anxious to see the Solid South broken if it would be of no benefit to their party. Certainly it can be for no love of the South, for they have never shown that they had any. And surely they are not so desirous of seeing the Democratic national party capture some of the Northern States. What other reason can there be, but that those politicians see a gradual, but steady breaking away from their party in certain sections of the North that they are afraid they cannot continue to hold those States in the Republicans ranks—Solid South or no Solid South—and they are anxious to prepare for such breaking away from their party by so strengthening it through addition thereto of enough Southern States as to enable it to continue in power?

LATEST PURE FOOD DEMAND.

Dr. Tanner, of California, says that cows are unable to keep their teeth clean—foul teeth create disorders in the stomach and a cow with a bad stomach gives foul milk that becomes dangerous to babies—wherefore, he asks that brushes be manufactured and the mouths of milk cows be thoroughly cleansed at least once a day. —Jacksonville Times-Union.

If a cow's teeth not being kept clean so affects her stomach as to make her milk unwholesome why will it not have the same effect on her flesh and make it also unfit for food? If so with the cow, then why not so with all other animals whose flesh people eat? Then there should be a law that all persons raising animals for the meat market should provide themselves with proper brushes and be required to clean said animals' teeth at least once a day. All fowls would have to be exempt from the rule, as the law never requires an impossibility of any man, but the geese would, probably, be made an exception to the exception, for they have teeth, as many a chap living on a farm can testify to from personal experience. Our State's Legislature should take this matter up when it comes to the consideration of amendments to the pure food law which, we understand, will be introduced early in the session. This might be made one of the courses in the stock raising department at the Agricultural and Mechanical College.

CRAZY OR PLAYING CRAZY?

Our readers remember the accounts of the attack made on a Mrs. Moss, of Stanly county, by a negro named Ewing, who was taken to Charlotte to prevent lynching. It is now said the negro is insane. The sheriff of Mecklenburg writes to the sheriff of Stanly county that the latter must take the negro away, as he has no place to keep such prisoners and this one causes him too much trouble. He says the negro is "as crazy as they ever get;" that he ought to be in the criminal insane department of the penitentiary. We do not recall that there was any suggestion of the negro's insanity at the time the crime was committed. His insanity seems to have come on after he was taken to Mecklenburg jail. If he is not playing the insanity dodge, then the terrible blow he got on the head at the hands of one of Mrs. Moss' rescuers and from which he suffered a great deal must be the cause of his present condition. However, it makes little difference which be the case, for, as his offense was not a capital one, he will have to be imprisoned in one, or the other departments of the penitentiary, according to whether he is insane or in his right mind.

The banks and mills of Spartanburg made a good showing for the latter half of last year. Last Friday they declared semi-annual dividends of $355,423. The Southern bank or cotton mill which did not declare a dividend forms an exception to the general rule of prosperity which marked the business in those lines during the last half of the year.

The American Review of Reviews for January is a most entertaining number because of the timely topics discussed—topics which are now attracting the attention of the whole country. Of the many subjects treated there are "Oil Resources of the United States." "Postal Savings Banks," "Tariff Revision," "Water Powers, their Use and Control," "Forest Preservation," "Conservation of Resources of the Country," "The Need of Eastern Reserves." These articles and many others on interesting subjects are written by prominent writers and public men of the country. From its pages a great deal of valuable information can be gotten as to what is going on in this country and in the balance of the world. It is published by the Review of Reviews Publishing Company, No. 13 Astor Place, New York, at 25 cents a copy or $3 a year.

Insanity will be the defense when Captain Peter Hains is brought to trial. Attempt will be made to excuse his act by showing that he is subject to spells of such violent anger as to amount to insanity. However there will be no talk about "brainstorms" and "paranoia," but it will be attempted to prove that he is a victim of "furor transitoria." It seems a new term has to be coined for each new murder trial where the defendant has influence or money enough to employ high priced lawyers and experts to hoodwink a jury and fool it into believing that because the defendant—whether he got into a fury or acted calmly and deliberately at the time of the murder—was irresponsible for his conduct because of some peculiar mental malady.

Photo-Era, the American Journal of Photography, for January is just from the publishers. Its name is an index of its table of contents. The reading matter is of special interest to both professional and amateur photographers and it is filled with beautiful photograph illustrations. It is published at 383 Boylston street, Boston, at the price of 15 cents a copy.

If the proper way to test the ability of army officers is to make them ride on horseback ninety miles in three days, would not the best way to decide whether a naval officer was capable of commanding a warship be to make him row ninety miles in three days?

The first action of our Legislature, which meets tomorrow, should be to adopt a resolution prohibiting the introduction of bills after the first forty days. Then there would be fewer crude and sneak bills passed.

The National Democratic Association is going to establish a Democratic National newspaper in Washington. Wonder if it will be allowed to take the place of The Commoner as the organ of the party?

Charles Taft's withdrawal from the race was not more abrupt than was that of Foraker. One saw he was beaten and the other saw—you will have to ask Brother William what.

There will be no newspaper correspondents along with Roosevelt on his African hunt. You see, that might interfere with the profits of his dollar-a-word contract.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—They are now afraid that the moving picture shows will have a demoralizing effect upon the poor people of the cities. It perhaps does not occur to them that the poor are as likely to discriminate in the nature of their amusements as are those with more money. It is not the poor who are keeping the divorce courts busy and it is not the poor who are furnishing court scandals that are not fit to print. So far as morals are concerned the poor can perhaps look out for themselves.—Durham Herald.

—Colonel Bryan is quoted as having said that Mr. Taft was "elected through a combination of the financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country," and that he "would rather remain a private citizen than be President and be subservient to those interests, as Mr. Taft must be, under the conditions that elected him," Thereupon, The Charleston News and Courier, a paper that supported Colonel Bryan and even went so far as to propose him for the nomination four years hence, is moved to remark: "It would appear from what Mr. Bryan says that it was very fortunate for the country that he was not elected. What other interests are there really that are to be 'subserved' but the financial, commercial and industrial interests? That seems to take in everything that is worth serving—the merchants, the bankers, the manufacturers, the workingmen and the farmers." It is hard to believe that Colonel Bryan made the remarks attributed to him, but if so, the Charleston paper's comment is to the point. If Taft is to pay respect to theinterests named, he will be doing the best thing a President could do for his country.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—The promotion of Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip to be president of the National City Bank, which is scheduled to occur on the 12th instant, will be another striking proof that the door of opportunity is open wider than ever to young men of character and ability. The National City Bank is the greatest bank in the United States. Its new president will be in control of immense interests, confided to his hands solely because he has proved his worth. He inherited nothing in the way of wealth or influence, but everything in the way of health, energy, and good sense. With these gifts of fortune he has risen rapidly to the place he deserves. Others have done much to help him, but he has always given more than he has received. Thousands of men are pushing forward, like Frank Vanderlip, to first place in the country's affairs. They do not find any lack of opportunity, although they start at the bottom. The vast and complicated industries of the United States are creating opportunities by the thousands, calling for young men of integrity and capability. There is no shortage of opportunities, but there is, and always will be, a shortage in the supply of the right kind of men.—Washington Post.

—The New York Journal of Commerce, adverting to the fact that the constitution of the United States says: "All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives, but the Senate may propose amendments, as on other bills," and to the further fact that the ways and means committee has been giving hearings, gathering material and its majority members are engaged in framing a tariff bill for submission to the next Congress, asks: "Is all this labor to go for nothing or 'coldly furnish forth' the material wherewith Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, will make the only revision of the tariff that can get through the Sixty-first Congress?" Its Washington correspondent, in a dispatch published Thursday, said that Mr Aldrich was getting "alarmed at the development of feeling in the lower chamber in response to pressure from the country in favor of tariff reductions," and had set about preparing a bill of his own in consultation with "various interests." The information is obtained from some of those in consultation that it will begin by striking out the enacting clause of whatever bill the ways and means committee may report and substituting the product of Mr. Aldrich's brain guided by the "various interests."—Charlotte Observer.

TWINKLINGS.

—Agent—I am introducing a new typewriter, a neat little thing you can take in your lap. Author—Not for me! I'm a married man.

—Nodd—Do you think it is possible for a man to live in New York on ten thousand a year? Todd—He might if he rode on street cars, took only one paper and lived on prunes.—Life.

—She—I believe there are times when every man deceives his life. He—Sure. How else could he every get her to marry him in the first place?—Philadelphia Record.

—"The trouble with the Democratic Party is that it is split into too many rival factions. " "Now, my friend, you don't mean factions. Fractions is the word."—Chicago Record-Herald.

—Binks (who has given Jinks a cigar)—You'll find, old chap, that is something like a cigar. (Jinks, after a few puffs)—By Jove! there is a slight resemblance. What is it?—Royal Magazine.

—Reporter—Now, what was the worst money panic you ever saw? Great Financier—Last week, when a 10-cent piece rolled to the floor of a street car and five women claimed it. —The X Ray.

—"Before we were married you said you'd lay down your life for me," she sobbed. "I know it," he returned, solemnly; "but this confounded flat is so tiny there's no place to lay anything down."—Harper's Weekly.

—Tired Traveler (to barber). Spending the night in a sleeping car doesn't improve one's beautiy, does it? Barber—I don't know what you looked like when you started, but I guess you're right.—Harper's Bazaar.

"Of course, Tommy," said the Sunday school teacher, "you'd like to be an angel, wouldn't you?" "Well—er—yes'm," replied Tommy, "but I'd like to wait till I can be a full-grown angel with gray whiskers."—Philadelphia Press.

—Officer (investigating old age pension claims)—Well, Mrs. Brady, and how old might you be? Mrs. Brady—Sor.a wan oi me knows, indeed, sor. Officer—Think now. Don't you know the date of your birth? Mrs. Brady—The date of my birth, is it? Sure, there was no such things as dates when I was born.—Punch.

—Charlotte Observer: That a sentiment said to be gaining ground among the majority of the substantial people of the county favoring the substitution of a legalized whiskey depository for the present restricted sale of liquor on prescription by drug stores will probably receive crystalization and concrete endorsement at the hands of the county branch of the State Anti-Saloon League was stated yesterday by a number of citizens interrogated on the subject. The question was precipitated by the Mecklenburg Ministerial Association a few weeks ago when it adopted resolutions favoring the establishment of a depository similar to that now in use in Anson and Union counties and pledged moral support to the league in all its efforts looking to more effective control of the sale of liquor by such a method. Since then the issue has received quite general discussion in city and county.

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There is not much to a peanut, to look at it. It grows on a farm and is ready to eat after it has been roasted. A careless deduction would link up the farmer, the commission merchant, then the grocer or Michelangelo. That would be a mighty careless deduction, though. The first time a lot of unroasted peanuts are encountered rub one on a piece of dark cloth and observe the white mark it leaves. That is talcum powder. They powder peanuts to make them look pretty, which is just why sister powders her face, and in that particular peanuts and girls are both alike.

Any farmer can grow peanuts, but no farmer can sell them to the consumer. The peanut he grows is not fit to put on a stand, at least not until it has been touched up. Look at the peanuts on the next push cart and see how even they run as to size. They have all been sorted. Observe how clean they are and how white this lot is, how gray that lot is and how uniform all the different lots are. They have been sorted.

When the peanut is grown it is gathered and carried to a miller, who puts it in a great bin and later carries it over to his mill, where he has a contrivance just chock full of brushes. These brushes get almost every fleck of sand and dirt out of the peanuts, which is more than the farmer could have done if he had spent the summer trying. Then the brushed peanuts go on to another sort of mill, and by being tossed about they get their hulls polished, and while that is being done they are peppered with talcum powder, so that by the time they come out of this machine they are as white as they are to appear in public.

But the peanut is not ready for market yet. It is alongside a lot of larger or smaller ones, hurting the appearance of the larger ones, while it does not enhance the value of the smaller ones. To even up matters the output of the talcum powder polishing machine is run out on to a great canvas belt, which travels for fifty feet or more slowly. On either side of this belt are boys and girls. These sort the peanuts as they pass; this squad picking out the biggest, that squad taking the next largest, and so on down till the smallest are left. Shells that have dodged the powder rag are thrown back into the mill, and broken hulls are thrown away.

That is about all for the peanut now, excepting the roasting. It has to be roasted. There is a popular superstition that the Italian vender roasts the peanuts in his little push cart. All he does is keep them hot. They are roasted at the mill, tons at a time, cooked to a nicety by experienced men, who have thermometers and all sorts of appliances to show them when a peanut is "done." This roasted product is the one that the Italian buys, and when he gets it he pops it into his little fake roaster and warms it over. It takes a long time and a lot of work and hosts of boys and girls to get the nickel's worth of hot roasted peanuts in the red and blue striped bag, but there is a reason for it all, and the reason is that a sack of even run small sized peanuts will find a buyer quicker than a sack of big and little ones all mixed up together. The stomach likes the eye to make a good report and the peanut commission merchant understands that a shining shell, with indentations filled with talcum, pleases the eyes, and he has no compunctions about the powder box, because he has found out that in roasting the heat drives off the surplus talcum, so that is why if one wants to find out for true about this trick of the trade it will be necessary to get hold of an unroasted and not a roasted peanut.

By way of good measure it might be added that the shelled peanuts, generally sold salted, have been run through a thrashing machine, which breaks the hull and blows it out of the way. Only "Spanish shell" nuts can be so treated. The tougher hulls have to go to Signor Italiano.—Kansas City Journal.

The Long Lived Pear.

The pear is really more hardy than the apple and needs less cosseting. There are trees still standing near Monroe, in the state of Michigan, which were planted by the French settlers before Penn founded Philadelphia. Pear trees can be kept in good bearing condition for 300 years and apples for at least 150 years. I have an apple tree 115 years old and its annual fruitage is as perfect as it was sixty years ago.—E. P. Powell in Outing Magazine.

The Comparison.

Towne—Yes, my wife is able to dress on comparatively little money. Browne—Oh, come now! Comparatively little? Towne—I mean a little compared with what she thinks she ought to have.—Exchange.

On a Big Liner.

"Let's go forward to the main deck." "All right. Steward, call us a taxicab."—Washington Herald.

Nothing is farther from earth than heaven; nothing is nearer than heaven to earth.—Hare.

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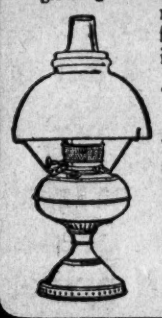

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To be struck down by disease seems a most undesirable thing, yet there are many living today in the fullest enjoyment of very excellent health who but for an attack of some disease would have lived a life of almost perpetual misery.

These people were, first of all, victims of indigestion in its worst form, and only those who have experienced it know what true indigestion is. Struck down by typhoid fever, they came through the trying ordeal cured of indigestion, for one outstanding eccentricity of typhoid is that if you pass through an attack safely it gives you a new stomach. In fact, after an attack of typhoid the victim is usually left with a stomach like an infant.

That is the grand chance offered to one who has suffered, it may be, for long years from acute indigestion. If only he takes care, after an attack of typhoid he need never know indigestion again.

Be it remembered that any one troubled with severe indigestion is not advised to go hunting around for typhoid fever. That might prove to be a disastrous course to follow.

A chronic cold is just one of those things which none of us want, yet even a chronic cold has its good points, more especially if you happen to be up in years a bit—not too old, of course. People who are up in years and who suffer from chronic bronchitis seem to get remarkably well. It keeps the blood in good circulation, for, of course, the victims have to cough, and that gives the heart a jerk and sends the blood coursing nicely through the veins and arteries.

If the cold be not too acute, old people derive considerable benefit. An acute attack, on the other hand, may cut off an old person in a day or two. It is the chronic type only which yields benefit.

Smallpox is a dreaded scourge, so much so that if it be reported that a case exists in a neighborhood a thrill passes through the whole community.

Yet those who suffer from smallpox and recover usually live to a green old age. It seems to renew life in some mysterious way by thoroughly purifying the blood.

If, however, you desire to attain to a ripe old age, you cannot get on at all without rheumatism. Consider the hosts of old folks you encounter hobbling about, grumbling all the day about their bones and joints. In all probability these old people would have been in their graves years before but for this very rheumatism.

The reason is that if rheumatism is in the system it keeps other ills out. It makes a grand fighting force and keeps most other enemies of the human frame at bay, especially those of the germ type.

Very naturally if you have such a grand friend at hand you have to pay something for aid rendered, but the pain of rheumatism, if shockingly severe at times, is not deadly, and that is why one gets so little sympathy when suffering from rheumatism.

But the plain fact is that a slight malady always benefits you, even if indirectly. As an example of that, say a very bad spell of weather comes along, cold and wet, and you contract a slight chill.

What do you propose to do? Why, to take the greatest care of yourself and make as certain as possible that your cold gets no chance of developing into anything worse. Now, did that very slight cold not make its appearance and cause you to be extremely careful of what you did there is no saying what might happen to you any day during a spell of evil, cold weather. You might have exposed yourself so much that a severe chill would have seized you, followed by inflammation of the lungs.

Accordingly a slight cold may easily save you from many worse ills.

In this way minor afflictions act as warnings that worse things are coming along, but unfortunately many persons quite neglect these warnings. A man, for example, has indigestion more or less constantly, yet pays little heed, always expecting that it will disappear one day. Now, if he had just paid attention to the matter at the beginning—heeded the warning, in short—he might not have been let in for a severe liver attack later on.

Every pain, every ache, every headache—all these are warnings that something else is on the way and will be along shortly.—Pearson's Weekly.

An Idea of Business.

"Does your titled son-in-law know anything about business?"

"Well," answered Mr. Cumrox doubtfully, "he has had a lot of experience with promissory notes, and he knows how to get a check raised."—Washington Star.

The Lightweight Champion.

Simpkins—You say that little man was formerly the lightweight champion? Timkins—Yes. Simkins—How did he lose the title? Timkins—Oh, he didn't lose it. He merely sold his grocery and retired.—Chicago News.

To feign a virtue is to have its opposite vice.—Hawthorne.

A PSYCHOLOGICAL INTRUSION.

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No one, excepting the sick restored to health, has reason to feel more thankful for that wonderful advance science has made within the last ten or twenty years than I. But right here in the beginning I must break away from my subject to tell a story.

Margaret May charmed me by what I consider the higher traits. She was a sober girl of an intellectual type, with excellent principles and elevated ideals. I am not a man to be pleased with a gay, frolicsome girl, however kind hearted, however winning. It was, therefore, natural that I should yield to the characteristics of Margaret. We became engaged, and everything looked well for our future happiness when my fiancee began to show a succession of singular changes. One evening when I went to see her she bounded into the room like a hoiden, threw her arms about my neck, kissed me several times in rapid succession and, beginning with "You bad boy," upbraided me for not having come earlier. When I asked her for what she had wished me, she said that a circus had come to town, and she was "dying" to attend that evening's performance. Astonished, I asked her if the next night would not do as well. She said it would not, and when I pressed her for a reason the only one she could give was that she couldn't wait.

It was altogether too late to go to the circus that evening, so I spent the rest of it with her in the cozy library where we had passed so many happy hours, often taking book after book from the shelves, rambling in them together and calling each other's attention to favorite passages. But, alas, there was no such enjoyment for us tonight. Margaret spoke of the books as "musty, dusty things," in which she had no interest, and insisted in talking only upon the most frivolous topics.

It is needless to say that I was not only disappointed, but shocked. Could this be my steady, well balanced, intellectual Margaret? I was inclined to doubt it. Could it be her twin sister? I knew that she had no twin sister. I endured her prattle as long as I was able; then, telling her that I had some work to do before going to bed, I rose to go.

"And you will take me to the circus tomorrow night?" she asked, with a pout.

"Certainly if you wish it," I replied and when I could escape from an exuberance of caresses left her.

That night and the next day my brain was in a turmoil. I was like a man who had lost his love. I brooded instead of working till after office hours and in the evening called to take Margaret to the circus. The maid who received me at the door went upstairs to announce me and, returning, told me that Miss May was not feeling well and had gone to bed. There was no message of disappointment at missing the performance nor at not seeing me. Indeed, the maid told me that she thought her mistress had not expected me that evening. This would have been natural had it not been for the engagement, since it was an evening I seldom called.

The next of my usual weekly visits was Sunday, and I called, dreading to again find the hoiden. I was agreeably disappointed. Margaret was her usual self except that she showed signs of overstrained nerves. Something told me to refrain from mentioning her singular personality when I had last seen her, to wait and observe. During the visit and the next two visits she was her own sweet self, barring her altered health. Finally I referred to her desire to visit the circus. She seemed surprised, mystified, and when I told her the whole story said, with a nervous tremor, "Oh, she'll ruin me!"

"Was some one else than you with me that evening?" I asked.

"Yes—no. I was with you, but she dominated me." And she hurried out of the room.

I was not admitted to see Margaret—indeed, I did not care to see her; I was dissatisfied—for a month. Then I called on her. What was my surprise to find her a different person from either of the two I had known. From the moment we met she talked of women's rights, women's voting, women's superiority to men and finally told me that if I interfered with her in any of these objects to which she proposed to devote her life we must proceed by separate paths.

I left her maddened. Had I not been puzzled as well I would have broken my engagement then and there, but curiosity prevented. Several months passed in which I continued to visit her, hoping that she would settle down into her old personality resolutely. When she was another I would turn away from her; when she was my own Margaret I loved her still the same. As the hoiden I found it possible to be amused with her; as the "strong minded" woman I could not endure her. I was not able to get the real Margaret to talk of the other two, but from hints she dropped I inferred that she knew of their existence, and she hated them.

One day I received a call from a psychical specialist. He informed me that Margaret was under his care; that two other personalities besides her own appeared to inhabit her body and at times dominated her. By psychic methods of his own invention he was trying to enable her to dominate them and thus return to a normal condition.

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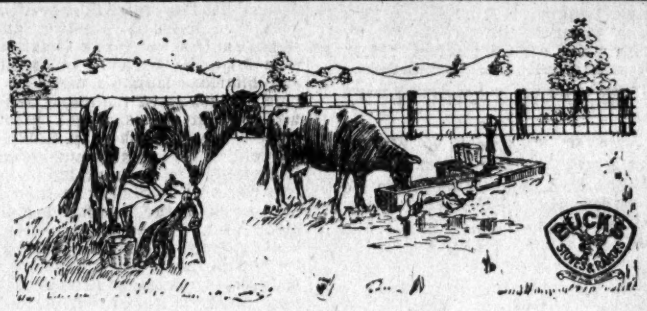

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 5, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Monday, Jan. 4:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 57 degrees; 8 P. M. 63 degrees; maximum 71 degrees; minimum 53 degrees; mean 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .03; for the months, .03 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Monday at 8 A. M. 11 feet.

Storm Warning.

Washington, D. C., Pan. 4.—The disturbance mentioned in last Saturday's special forecast has reached Eastern Minnesota, preceded by the expected high temperature to the eastward and southward and followed by the cold high era to the northeastward. The cold wave will reach the upper lake region and the upper Mississippi valley tonight and Tuesday. The Ohio valley and lower lake region Tuesday night, and the middle and north Atlantic States Wednesday. It will also be colder in the South Wednesday and Wednesday night. Owing to the wide extent of the western high area it is probable that the cold will be the most marked of the present season so far. Rain will precede the cold and will turn to snow over the northern tier of States.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Rain Tuesday with colder in extreme west portions; Wednesday rain followed by fair and decidedly colder; fresh south winds.

Por Calendar—Jan. 3.

Sun Rises.....7:10 A. M.
Sun Sets .....5:02 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 51 min.
High water at Southport 7:31 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 9:18 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. T. Aycock, of Whiteville, was a guest at The Orton Sunday.

—Mr. S. A. Schloss has gone North for a few days on theatrical business.

—Mr. Brooke French is spending a few days in the city on a visit to relatives.

—Mr. Paul S. Taylor returned from Fayetteville yesterday, where he visited friends.

—Mr. F. L. Willcox, of Florence, S. C., was here Sunday on legal business.

—Mr. J. C. Causey, Jr., of Suffolk, Va., spent Sunday in the city and was a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. F. B. Gualt, of Lake Waccamaw, spent Sunday in the city and was registered at The Orton.

—Mr. E. W. Noble, of Rocky Mount, has returned after a visit of several days in Wilmington.

—Rev. A. deR. Meares and family, of Biltmore, are visiting Mrs. C. D. Meares at The Carolina

—Mr. Joe Loughlin, of Southport, returned home yesterday after a short visit to friends in the city.

—Misses Mae Landen and Annie Marshburn are the guests of friends at Catherine Lake for a few days.

—Postmaster A. L. McCaskill, of Fayetteville, returned home yesterday morning after spending a short time in the city.

—Mr. Walter Woollcott, the well known dry goods merchant of Raleigh, spent Sunday in the city and was a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. Robert Stone, after spending the holidays with his parents in this city, returned yesterday to Bingham's School, Asheville, N. C.

—Mr. F. B. Deming, of Chicopee Falls, Mass., who has been visiting his sister, Mrs.. Thos. C. Lewis, left for his home on Friday last.

—Among Sunday's arrivals at The Orton were Mr. J. F. L. Armfield, of Fayetteville, and Mr. T. C. Clute, of Chadbourn.

—Mrs. N. E. Bunting and son, Master William McDuffie Bunting, have returned from Fayetteville, where they spent the holidays.

—Mrs. Cliff S. Hopkins and little son, of Fayetteville, who have been spending the holidays with Mr. Hopkins' parents in this city, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hopkins, returned home Sunday.

—Mr. Ernest Pennie, who has been connected with the Home Brewing Co., here for the past two years, has gone to Richmond, Va., to take a position with a packing house.

—The Maxton Scottish Chief says: "Mr. J. W. Plummer, Jr., wife and child, of Wilmington, are visiting Mr. Plummer's sister, Mrs. D. W. Townsend; and aunt, Mrs. J. B. Weatherly. John was reared here, and has grown to over a two hundred pounder in the metropolis."

—Friends of Adjutant and Mrs. James Yates, formerly in charge of the local post of the Salvation Army, have received during the past few days very handsome New Year cards, extending the compliments of the season and fraternal greetings to their numerous friends in Wilmington, where they will always be most pleasantly remembered. They are doing well at their new home in Lynchburg, Va.

Assaulted by Negroes.

Saturday night between 11 and 12 o'clock, Driver William H. Hines, of the street cleaning department, while making a delivery of some garbage from his cart near Eleventh and Grace streets, was set upon by three negroes who either desired to rob him or had some other grudge against him. One of them first asked him for a match and after receiving it, with another of the three, set upon him with a beer bottle, beating him up quite severely. One of the negroes made a grab for a gold watch which the driver wore, but the chain fortunately broke. The white man defended himself as best he could until the negroes were frightened off by his cries for assistance.

The Theatre

The Crystal Palace this week has one of the brightest and most pleasing bills yet offered. There are several topliners, but Ralph V. Clark, harpist, is one of the most popular of them all. He accomplishes with the harp what Wilmington folks at home have perhaps never seen before, and his act is snappy and fine. The Edinger Sisters are also to the very front and are pretty and most graceful. They present an act that is alive with songs and dances and their costumes are bright. McCarthy and Barth, comedy sketch artists, are also good and appear in a novel sketch that shows both the interior of a theatre dressing room and the stage. The eccentric comedian, Lee Edmonds, is also on the bill and does a decidedly clever stunt.

Brilliant Musical Prouction.

The Academy of Music will make a brilliant offering Friday night in the big musical production, "A Knight for a Day," which will be given by Frank Deshon and a company of sixty. Seats will go on sale Thursday morning.

Of the attraction Saturday's Richmond Times-Dispatch said:

"Capital New Year entertainment was furnished at the Academy yesterday afternoon and evening when Frank Deshon and a capable company presented the new musical comedy to well filled and well pleased houses. The piece scored a success on Broadway last season, and is now being played by three road companies. The book is uncommonly clever, and the musical numbers bright and catchy. Mr. Deshon, the diminutive comedian, who suggests both Frank Daniels and James T. Powers, has never had a role that suited him better, and his nimble antics and funny facial expression kept the audience in continuous and hilarious laughter while he occupied the centre of the stage. When he was not in the spotlight plenty of comedy was furnished by Miss Jewell Darrell, who gave an amusing characterization of a 'servant lady.' These two were a whole show in themselves and merited the unstinted applause given them. The chorus averaged well in looks, weight and singing ability, and formed several pleasing stage pictures, particularly in the 'See-saw' song of the first act, which was gorgeous enough to provoke much enthusiasm and many encores.

Extra Bill at The Bijou.

Something extra in high-class moving pictures will be offered at the Bijou today. "Ambulance Dogs" will be of special interest to dog fanciers and there are a great many such in Wilmington. Noble animals are shown performing signal service for the Red Cross society on the battlefield and the intelligence and the humanity of these apparently human beasts are marvelous to behold. "Ideal Policemen" is an optical illusion and deals with the remarkable hypnotic influence of two "coppers" who compel obedience to the law and perform all sorts of stunts in keeping the peace. The films are among the best ever shown at the Bijou.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the parlors of the Association and a large attendance is hoped for.

—The schooner Lottie R. Russell, Capt. James, after discharging cargo of fertilizer to the Seaboard Air Line, cleared yesterday for Beaufort, where she will receive a cargo for Northern markets.

—Building Inspector J. J. Furlong issued two permits yesterday to W. J. Hutaff for the erection of two one-story cottages on Anderson, between Fanning and Moore streets, at an estimated cost of $450 each.

—The revenue cutter Seminole left yesterday afternoon for a trip over the entire cruising grounds, which will require some ten days. The cutter will go as far north as Hatteras and as far south as Charleston, S. C.

—The British steamer Manchester Port, Capt. Robertson, arrived yesterday from Hamburg, Germany, via Norfolk, Va., with cargo of fertilizer constituents for the Wilmington Compress & Warehouse Company and others.

—At a regular meeting of the membership committee of the Y. M. C. A. last evening, 13 members were recommended to the board of election. The monthly meeting of the board of directors will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of the board is desired.

—It is announced in a dispatch from Raleigh that the Armour Packing Company gives official notice to the Department of State of its withdrawal from business in North Carolina. It is learned that this is merely a change of name and that the business conducted in this State after the first of January will be in the name of Armour & Co.

—The Gem Cigar Company informs the public that Mr. Julius P. Taylor has assumed the entire management of the store at No. 10 North Front street and will give the business his personal attention in the future. He will be pleased to serve his friends and the public generally and will carry a full line of tobaccos, cigars, smokers' supplies, etc. Mr. Taylor is popular with the trade and will succeed with the business.

Only Two Cases Before the Mayor.

Affairs in police circles have been exceptionally quiet for the past two days and the fact that at the session of the Mayor's court yesterday not a single case of drunkenness appeared on the docket was noticed with some interest. E. B. Miller, colored, who conducts a small store at corner of Nixon street and Love's alley, charged with selling raisins on Sunday, was fined $5 and costs and John Day, a white man, was tried for vagrancy but the action was dismissed.

ALLOWS NO LICENSE

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ried by over 40,000 and he was in favor of enforcing it to the letter without reservations or exceptions. The druggists seemed not to care for the sale of liquor but it was pointed out that alcohol was very necessary in many cases, the sale of which would not do violence to the spirit of the law. It was used as the base for many compounds and was frequently necessary for bathing purposes in cases of fever. The chairman explained that the law did not prevent druggists from carrying as much alcohol for compounding purposes as they desired, just so they did not sell it. During the discussion it developed that in addition to the United States license of $25 per year on druggists selling liquor, that the Revenue and Machinery Act of the State, Sec. 62, also imposes a tax of $25 per year and as the county levies a similar tax, druggists dealing in liquor should have been paying $75 per year to State, county and nation. The State prohibition law, however, repeals this section of the Revenue Act. It appears that none of the druggists paid more than the U. S. license before January 1st, when it was in full force and effect.

After further discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the sale of spiritous, vinous, malt or intoxicating bitters either by licensed or registered pharmacists or by any other person, be and the same is hereby prohibited in the county of New Hanover from and after the 20th day of January, 1909."

The extension of the date for the going into effect was by reason of a former resolution instructing the county attorney to draw a bill to be passed by the session of the Legislature making the James Walker Memorial hospital a legal depository, for the sale of alcohol upon the prescription of a regular practicing physician according to the requirements of the State prohibition law.

After the action was taken, Commissioner Divine, prefacing his remarks with the statement that he had no other purpose than to do everything possible to enforce the spirit and letter of the law, asked to withdraw his former vote in the affirmative and have the same recorded in the negative on the ground that the sale of alcohol, strictly for medicinal purposes should not be taken out of the hands of the druggists, hedged about with the restrictions of a prescription of a regular practicing physician, and removed to a remote locality where it would not be available in case of an immediate necessity. He thought the action a little too hasty and not sufficiently well advised for the present.

Contract for feeding the county live stock for the month of January was awarded to Stone & Co., at 47 1-2c for No. 2 mixed corn, 64c per bushel for golden oats, and $16.50 for No. 1 Timothy hay.

The report of the Audit and Bond Co., of St. Louis, on the recent audit of the county books, was presented and referred to the Auditing Committee. The cost of the work was $988.09 the work having required one month by an accountant and an assistant.

The following jurors were drawn for the two weeks' term of Superior Court which convenes on January 18th:

First Week—W. J. Craig, A. M. King, J. P. Wingo, Jr., W. V. Herring, H. C. Hamlin, J. A. McNorton, E. Piner, J. B. Casteen, J. H. Watters, H. T. King, Chas. R. Davis, O. M. Hill, E. S. Capps, J. T. Macomber, Geo. A. Alderman, S. J. Ellis, Raymond Hunt, C. W. Worth, Jno. W. Robinson, J. D. Edwards, B. B. Rogers, D. D. Barber, J. A. Westbrook, J. R. Kennedy, S. M. Boatwright, O. L. Browne, H. H. Benson, E. T. Wade, U. M. Robinson, A. D. Rich, C. F. Seitter, B. J. Kuhlken, G. C. Bordeaux, L. H. Skinner, W. R. Brown, H. E. O'Keef.

Second Week—A. D. O'Brien, E. H. Munson, S. R. Ellis, W. M. McEachern, H. A. Martindale, J. A. Wright, J. W. Wood, Jno. Peterson, W. J. Meredith, Geo. Davis, O. G. Coleman, J. H. W. Bonitz, Sam Bear, Jr., J. Allen Taylor, Wm. Padrick, Geo. L. Farmer, Chas. F. Craig, Henry M. Bishop.

The Board adjourned subject to call of the chairman.

REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

Special Congregations Hear Rev. Mr. Coombs at Christian Church.

The series of revival meetings in progress at the First Christian church, Dock street, beginning with last Friday evening, under the leadership of Evangelist J. V. Coombs, of Kansas City, assisted by the pastor Rev. J. A. Erwin, has attracted large congregations at each service, and great interest has been taken in the splendid services.

The congregation last evening was especially good for Monday night and the able sermon of Rev. Mr. Coombs, on "Enthusiasm for Humanity," was listened to with great interest. This evening his subject will be "Christians in the Home," and the sermon is especially devoted to fathers, mothers, and children with special reference to their duties to one another. The services begin at 8 o'clock and the public is invited.

Dr. Fluno to Lecture Tonight.

Dr. Francis J. Fluno, the Christian Science lecturer, arrived in the city yesterday from Kinston and is a guest at The Orton, where a large number of friends called on him during the day. The announcement of his lecture for tonight at the Academy of Music under the auspices of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, this city, has been previously made and the public is given a cordial invitation to attend. There will be no charge for admission and those who hear Dr. Fluno may be assured of an able and eloquent presentation of his subject.

Annual Business Meeting.

The annual business and social meeting of Brooklyn Baptist Church was held last night. There was a brief address by the pastor, Rev. C. F. Whitlock, a business conference and then the Ladies' Auxiliary served dainty refreshments to all.

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INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

Shower of Household Furnishings at Stonewall Jackson Institute.

Friends of the work in this city have received printed invitations from the superintendent and board of trustees of the Stonewall Jackson Manual Training and Industrial School at Concord, N. C., announcing a "Shower of Household Furnishings" to be held in one of the new buildings on January 11th, 1909, just prior to the formal opening on January 12th. The school will be for the reception of wayward and unfortunate boys and the work is one of the most important in the State today. Enclosed with the invitation to the "Shower of Household Furnishings" is a suggested list of articles including sheets, pillow cases, bed spreads, blankets, towels, table covers, combs, brushes, blacking brushes, shoe polish, buckets, pans, mirrors, etc., any of which articles will be thankfully received by the management. Mr. Walter Thompson is superintendent and Mr. John J. Blair, of this city, is one of the trustees.

SPECIAL MASTER'S HEARING

Receivership Case Being Heard in This City Before Judge McCullough.

Ex-Judge Jos. A. McCullough, of Greenville, S. C., special master appointed by Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, is engaged in the Federal Court building in this city in hearing the testimony upon a petition to remove the receivers heretofore appointed for the Kanawha Lumber Co., of Conway, S. C. A number of out-of-town attorneys and others are here for the hearing including the receivers for the property, Messrs. J. H. Howald, of Conway; F. B. Witherbee, of Boston, and J. C. Causey, Jr., of Suffolk, Va.

Three sessions of the standing master's court were held yesterday, morning, afternoon and night. It will require a day or two yet to complete the hearing. Among the attorneys representing the various interests are Messrs. Wilcox & Wilcox, of Florence, S. C.; Meares & Ruark, Rountree & Carr and Herbert McClammy, Esq., of Wilmington.

MAY INCREASE CLUBS.

Directors of the Eastern Carolina League to Consider Same.

A proposition to increase the Eastern Carolina Baseball League from four to six clubs, will likely be considered at a meeting of the directors to be held soon at Goldsboro, the suggested additions being Rocky Mount and Fayetteville. Manager R. H. Gwaltney, of the local club, has received notice of the meeting.

The two cities mentioned are very anxious to become members of the league and there is strong probability of franchises being granted to them. Other teams in the league will be the same as last season.

Manager Gwaltney will also urge that the meeting award to Wilmington the pennant for last season.

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BOARD OF ALDERMEN

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desired to renew that motion. Mr. Karr seconded the motion and Alderman Bolles explained the details, which were to be agreed upon by the committee. The City Attorney read a formal resolution covering all the appurtenances, etc., of the plant and the motion was declared before the meeting.

Alderman French brought to the attention of the Board alleged criticisms of Engineer Ludlow's estimates in Charlotte and Columbia and offered a resolution that the city offer the Clarendon Water Works Co., $125,000 for its plant and in the event of the rejection of the offer, that the entire matter be placed in the hands of the commission to proceed as the law directs. Mr. King asked Mr. French how long he had been in possession of this new information in regard to Colonel Ludlow's estimates at Columbia. Mr. French stated that the papers had been full of it and that Mr. C. C. Wilson, the engineer who had succeeded Col. Ludlaw at Columbia, had recently visited Wilmington and made these statements to him and to Mr. Wood, who also spoke and charged that Col. Ludlow had been inconsistent as between his statements to members of the committee and his written report.

Alderman O'Brien said the Board had been on the subject for four years and testified to the high character of Engineer Ludlow and condemned the Aldermen for their dilatory tactics. It seemed that some new objection was raised every time the Aldermen came to the point of doing something. Mr. O'Brien was rather against municipal ownership anyway, stating that rates in Greensboro and Charlotte had been raised when the plants were taken over by the cities. Charlotte had spent over $400,000 on a water plant and did not yet have a satisfactory system.

Mr. French and Mr. Wood raised the point that the intake of the present plant would have to be changed in the event the city purchased the property, as the present intake from the river was illegal being below the point of sewerage contamination. Alderman Bolles defended Col. Ludlow against the insinuations of several members and stated that the Board was not considering the intake; that it was an after-consideration for the commission to decide upon. Alderman Rathjen spoke vigorously in favor of doing something and said, in his opinion, the plant was worth $140,000 and he called for the question. Alderman Ellis stated his position which was the same as a year ago; he favored offering $125,000.

The question was then called first on the amendment of Mr. French and only Messrs. Ellis, Wood, French and Jewell voted in the affirmative. The original motion was then put, to offer $140,000, and Messrs. Northrop, Bolles, Karr, O'Brien, Rathjen and King voted in the affirmative, the four others voting in the negative.

Mr. Wood gave notice that if there was any power of injunction to prevent a sale of the plant to the city at $140,000, he would most certainly use it. The Board apparently didn't take Mr. Wood seriously.

Mr. Wood brought up the question of licensing drug stores to sell liquor and moved that no license be granted. There was much discussion of the subject and it was explained that the Board of County Commissioners had already taken action and there was no use of action by the Board of Aldermen. However several members said they would feel better to vote on the matter and the question was called, the prohibition of the sale to be "from the date hereof." Several members favored taking similar action to that of County Commissioners, postponing the going into effect of the prohibition until January 20th, but the vote stood 6 to 4 in favor of immediate prohibition of sales by druggists, those voting for immediate action being Messrs. Northrop, Ellis, Wood, French, Bolles and Jewell.

Mr. Wood asked the City Attorney if the Board could prevent the sale of near-bear. This opened up an interminable discussion of near-bear and such products during which Alderman Wood confessed he had tried a bottle and found it the vilest stuff he had ever tasted. The Mayor was asked his wishes in the matter and said he preferred no license of the traffic. Mr. French then moved that no license of near-bear saloons be granted. The Board then unanimously passed the motion and the Mayor congratulated the Aldermen upon their action. This was apparently what the spectators had been waiting for and after the action the large crowd filed out of the room.

A communication from various citizens at Ninth and Swann streets for a light on that corner, was referred to the Light Committee. To the Streets and Wharves Committee was referred a request from the Chadbourn Sash, Door and Lumber Co., to extend a spur track to its mill site at foot of Wooster street. The Board then adjourned.

The special water works committee later met in the Mayor's office and decided to make the offer of $140,000 to the Clarendon Waterworks Company just as soon as the bonds have finally been passed upon, which will probably be after the adjourned meeting of the Board of Audit and Finance this evening.

Odd Fellows Installed Officers.

At the regular meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., last night, officers were installed by Grand Chief Patriarch W. L. Smith and District Deputy Grand Patriarch Chas. W. Stewart, as follows: O. J. Vann, C. P.; W. H. Yopp, H. P.; Robert Robbins, S. W.; E. S. Cook, J. W.; John E. Wood, scribe; P. H. Murphy, treasurer; J. W. Robinson, guide; W. J. Jackson, 1st W.; W. J. Woolard, 2nd W.; C. H. Holton, 3rd W.; J. J. Craig, 4th W.; C. W. Craig, 1st Gd. T.; Frank LaFella, 2nd Gd. T.; J. W. Williams, I. S.; W. G. T. Keen, O. S.; trustees, John E. Wood, W. L. Smith and W. E. Yopp.

Members of General Assembly.

Col. Geo. L. Morton, member of the House of Representatives, left yesterday for Raleigh, and Senator B. G. Empie, who will represent New Hanover and Brunswick jointly in the upper house, leaves today to be present when the Legislature convenes tomorrow. No bills of local nature are known to either of the representatives, to be introduced before the General Assembly at the present time.

Gift for Their Organist.

A pleasing feature of the regular meeting of the Sunday School of Fifth Street M. E. Church on Sunday afternoon was the presentation by the school through its popular superintendent, Mr. John T. Sholar, a purse of $25 to the organist, Miss Mattie Gardner, who has been most faithful and efficient in her service during the past year.

Hotel Men's Association.

Mr. Joseph H. Hinton and Captain Edgar L. Hinton, managers and proprietors of The Orton and Seashore Hotels, left last night for Richmond to attend the annual joint meeting of the North Carolina and Virginia Hotel Men's Association. They are looking forward to the trip with much interest and pleasure.

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CHAS. P. TAFT'S WITHDRAWAL.

Regret of President-Elect at Statements of His Critics.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 4.—Regret is felt by the President-elect at what both he and his friends regard as the unfair interpretations and explanations being printed regarding the withdrawal from the Ohio Senatorial contest of Chas. P. Taft. W. H. Taft contemplates no statement for publication regarding the matter, but in discussing it with friends he has not been uncertain in giving an idea of his feelings on the subject.

There seems to be nothing further to be said by the Cincinnati capitalist, even though the reason he assigned for getting out of the race has since been made the subject of adverse comment. He is thus left, in the eyes of his friends, in a false light and it is this which the President-elect feels keenly. In this connection it is explained that the withdrawal was not made at the instance of the President-elect, neither on the suggestion of Frank H. Hitchcock, nor of Wade H. Ellis, as has been since printed. That Chas. P. Taft eliminated himself from the contest entirely in the interest of party harmony in the State and on his own initiative, is remarked with vigor. By remaining in the fight, it is asserted he could have made possible the election of a "dark horse" but that he recognized that the result of such a course would work havoc in the Republican party in the State.

THE CERTIORARI REFUSED

Supreme Court Not to Interfere in Standard Oil Case.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 4.—The $29,000,000 fine case of the Standard Oil Company will not be revived by the Supreme Court of the United States. This decision of the court was announced by Chief Justice Fuller today.

The case came to the court on the Government's petition asking the court for a writ of certiorari to order up the record in the case for a review of the decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh circuit by which Judge Landis' original decision imposing a fine of $29,000,000 against the Standard Oil Company for accepting rebates from the railroad companies was reversed.

In the Supreme Court the case turned largely upon the right of the court to interfere in view of the fact that the case had been passed upon by the Court of Appeals the government contending for such privilege as a right, while it was urged in behalf of the oil company that the precedents were all against such a proceeding.

Joe Turner, of Washington, was defeated in two straight falls in Lynchburg, Va., last night in a wrestling match with Bill Rich, who is said to be from Dunkirk, N. Y. Turner was no match for his opponent.

Both sides concluded testimony in the case of eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Captain Quentin Ranken, at Union City, Tenn., and arguments will begin today.

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THE THAW CASE AGAIN.

Another Move to Get His Case Before a Jury.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A third attempt to free Harry K. Thaw from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane was begun today before Justice Tompkins in the Supreme Court here. Again the court is asked to present Thaw's case to a jury to determine whether or not he is insane. The preliminary move in the matter was successful, Justice Tompkins on motion of counsel for Mrs. Wm. Thaw Harry K. Thaw's mother, granting a writ of habeas corpus compelling the asylum authorities to produce Thaw before that Justice in Nyack on Saturday next. Mrs. Thaw in the moving papers claimed that her son was not legally committed to the asylum; that he is not a criminal, having been acquitted by a jury, and that he is now sane.

OBSTACLE TO TEMPERANCE

Recorder Recommends That Law Regarding Near-Beer be Amended.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 4.—That Atlanta's near-beer saloon sells decidedly intoxicating drinks is the substance of the annual report todayy of City Recorder Broyles.

"The most serious obstacle," he says, "to temperance generally in Atlanta is the so-called 'near-beer' saloon.' Many of these places dispense regular lager beer to their 'customers whom they can trust.'"

He recommends that the legislature amend the law by making it unlawful to sell any beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent. of alcohol.

In order to recoup for the loss of $35,000 liquor licenses Montgomery, Ala., has levied a street tax of $3 a year and $1 dog tax.

Many Languages of Mexico.

During the fiesta of Christmas or the week of All Souls and All Saints, when the Indians swarm down from the mountains with their holiday wares for sale, visitors in the City of Mexico may notice the strange language that the venders use in addressing each other. Even when they turn to serve the purchaser their Spanish is neither Castilian nor Mexican, but is frequently broken by peculiar syllables and accents. This is merely an illustration of the fact that the Indian languages of old Mexico have not been entirely submerged by the conquering Spanish, and in some of the most remote districts of the republic various and distinct languages handed down from the pre-Columbian era are still spoken in their pristine purity by many tribe members.—Mexican Herald.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

As you are aware, North Carolina will be a dry State after January the 1st, 1909, we therefore take this means of notifying our friends and customers that after looking around for the best location to continue in our line of business, we decided to locate in Petersburg, Virginia. This place, being the best suitable City in Virginia to carry on our shipping business for North and South Carolina. At this City we have excellent shipping connections, being able to get our goods to you much quicker than Richmond, Norfolk or Portsmouth. We will open for business in Petersburg, January the 1st, 1909, and we assure you that all orders sent to us at that place will be given our prompt and careful attention, as has been done heretofore. Mail all orders after January the 1st, 1909, to The Darley Park Brewery Agency, Petersburg, Virginia.

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German Humor.

The tendency of the German comic papers to employ continuously the same characters as "producers of mirth" is the subject of an article in a Berlin paper by Ludwig Bauer. The writer mentions as the most conspicuous of the funny figures the absent-minded professor whose habitual umbrella losing proclivities have made generations laugh. This figure had its origin at a time, he says, when the man of letters was a helpless person in the active world—a dreamer dwelling in realms away from the actual and therefore blind to his surroundings. In this form he has been represented in the comic papers. But Germany, he thinks, not the professor, has been and is being caricatured. The professor today must be a wide awake man, for science is no longer an island. These are not the days for sleep and for dreams. Another abused character is the lieutenant who, having no foe to fight, is always shown as making conquests where Amor has command. The old maid is another of the stock figures, and one of equal importance is Mr. Newlyrich. Of the latter it is said: "He is always full of fear and suspicion. He knows that he has been misplaced, and he sways from side to side like a timid rope walker. This makes him really funny, and we must laugh at his antics."

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Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1908.

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JAMES F. POST,

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Rocky Mount Record: A well grounded report has gained circulation that a petition from a number of the voters of Nash county will be presented at the next session of the Legislature asking that another election on the whiskey question be called as soon as the two years voted on last May has expired.

—Goldsboro Argus: The colonial home of Col. W. B. Fort, near Pikeville, which is noted for its old time Southern hospitality, has, during the holidays, welcomed party after party of guests gathered in honor of his daughter, Miss Pearl, who is now at home from her art studies in South Carolina.

—Fayetteville, Jan. 2.—Mr. J. A. Ratcliffe has returned from Duke, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. Frank Ratcliffe, who was killed by the accidental discharge of a hammerless breach-loading shot-gun Wednesday at the home of his father at Duke, Harnett county. The deceased was 22 years of age, the youngest of eight children, and was a fine young man.

—Charlotte Observer: The Farmers' Union Warehouse Company has arranged to have opened Thursday and Friday of each week its commodious warehouse which has just been completed in North Charlotte. This building has a capacity of about 3,000 bales and was built and operated under the direct management of the members of the Farmers' Union in this county.

—Newbern Journal: There were fewer country people in town yesterday than any Saturday for several weeks. Taking advantage of the fine weather farmers are busy putting their lands in condition for cultivation. It is hardly likely that as much cotton will be planted in this section as usual, one reason, because of the low price now, another because there is a disposition among the farmers to use less commercial fertilizers.

—Charlotte Chronicle: Charters aggregating $5,000,000 were issued during 1908 to incorporations in Charlotte and Mecklenburg county by the Secretary of State, not including a national bank with $100,000 capital, and a new building and loan association empowered to issue shares to the amount of $5,000,000. These figures include both new companies and concerns already in existence, which took out charters or increased their capital stock.

—Winston-Salem, Jan. 2.—A warm contest developed today over the postmastership here. Col. C. A. Reynolds, whose second term of four years expires February 9th, wants another appointment and his friends say he is confident of getting it. Mr. J. T. Benbow, a prominent lawyer, and chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, has strong endorsements and has decided to put up a warm fight for the office, which pays $3,200 annually.

—Goldsboro, Jan. 2.—Mrs. A. C. Reid, who attempted to take her life yesterday morning at her home on East Ash street, regained consciousness at a late hour last night but so far she has not told why she attempted such a rash act. The physicians worked for her and finally saved her life by using artificial respiration methods. It is now thought that the despondent woman took a dose of laudanum, followed by a weak solution of carbolic acid.

—Charlotte Observer: The first damage suit of the new year was filed yesterday when the law firm of Stewart & McRae placed papers with the clerk of the court against the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, alleging damages to a client, Mack McLain, to the extent of $10,000. The complaint alleges that McLain was in the service of the defendant company and was engaged in unloading rails from a flat car when one fell on him, inflicting painful and serious injuries.

—Greenville Reflector: A little son of Mr. L. A. Mayo, who lives four miles from town, was killed a few days ago in a peculiar manner. Near Mr. Mayo's residence is a storage room in which tools and farm implements are kept. It is supposed that the little boy wanted to get something out of this building and was trying to enter by raising a heavy window from the outside, and as he was about to climb through the window it fell on his neck. When the boy was found he was dead with his neck broken. It was a distressing accident.

—Statesville Landmark: Guilford county recently craved permission to step to the head of the matrimonial procession on account of the fact that a citizen of the county had married his stepmother. Floyd county, Va., now makes a somewhat similar boast. D. W. Williams, a business man of that county, decided to marry his mother-in-law. The Floyd county authorities doubted the legality of the proceeding and Williams and his mother-in-law came to Tennessee, where the ceremony was performed. This case is probably more unusual than the Guilford case. The bride of Williams became the stepmother of her two grandchildren.

—Durham Herald: Mr. Hill C. Linthicum, Jr., has invented something that will astonish the musical world when it becomes a practicality. The device is simplicity itself and is designed to do away with sticks at the piano who don't know when to turn the pages until directed and must perforce go through all sorts of gyrations when they make the fatal coup at the music sheet. By this arrangement the pianist can follow the notes to end and when desiring to turn the page, simply applies her foot to the middle pedal and the sheet flies over. Mr. Linthicum has applied for a patent and when he is successful, he hopes to organize a company here for the manufacture of the article.

Read Star Business Locals.

A TURBULENT GHOST.

Noisy Nocturnal Rounds of an Invisible Visitor.

QUEER DEATH OF OLD JABEZ.

The Uncanny Incident That Disturbed the Quiet of an Old Virginia Home. A Nightly Tramp That Never Ceased Until the House Was Demolished.

"I am not exactly prepared to say that I believe in ghosts," said the old gentleman from Virginia, "but at the same time, in view of certain things that have been told me by persons whose reputations for veracity do not admit of a doubt, I cannot allow myself to ridicule the ideas of others who do believe in an occasional return to earth of the dead.

"There is one case in particular that I know of personally and that can be vouched for by a number of citizens in the upper counties of my state, and that is the case of old Uncle Jabez Martin, who knew a number of well to do farmers in Fauquier as well as in Spottsylvania, Rappahannock and other counties in the northern part of the state. 'Uncle Jabe,' as most every one who knew the old fellow called him, had considerable of the nomad in his disposition and led a wandering, pastoral life. He was always willing to work when any one needed his services and did a good deal of rough carpentering in return for a 'meal o' wittles and a shakedown,' as he expressed it, and as he was pretty well known in the land of his pilgrimages it was a rare occurrence when he was not given a welcome.

"If old Uncle Jabe thought more of one family in the state than he did of another it was the Greens. Virginia, as all know, is full of Greens. An estimable crowd they are, and nearly all of them consider themselves as related in some degree of consanguinity to the others of that name. 'The Greens of Virginia is the finest tribe of that name in seven states,' was the constant boast of Uncle Jabe, and above and beyond any other Green anywhere he placed Marse Dickie Green of Fauquier, and that is where my ghost story, if you will please to consider it as such, begins.

"One wild night in the month of October not very long before the war the old wanderer made his appearance at Squire Green's. Mr. Green was called squire by virtue of being a justice of the peace. Jabe wanted his usual 'meal o' wittles and shakedown,' and it was at his service, as usual, and after a good supper he sat on the back steps of the house, smoked his old pipe for awhile and then went to bed.

"Squire Green was engaged in some work that kept him up until midnight, and as the clock struck 12 he heard a heavy sound on the stairway. It seemed as if some one was coming down the steps with heavy irons on the legs. The sound was carried to the door, which was opened noisily and then closed with a terrific crash.

"Thinking it strange that old Jabez Martin would be guilty of making such unnecessary noise, the squire rushed to the door and opened it. The moon was shining in all its beauty, and everything was perfectly calm and nobody in sight. Back again went the surprised squire and up into the attic chamber, where Martin always slept when he made his calls. He found everything calm and quiet there. It was the quiet of death, for old Uncle Jabe was lying supine on his back, with his glassy eyes staring right up to the ceiling, where the squire left him until the morning.

"When he related the circumstances in the morning it seemed that every other one of the house had been disturbed by the uncanny noises. The strange part of it is that next night the same sounds were heard again, even to the slamming of the door, and an investigation proved that there was no person to make them. There were no cowards in Squire Green's family, but the noises disturbed them, and when they were heard, as they were, frequently at midnight they became so used to them they would simply remark that 'Uncle Jabe was tramping again' and go to sleep again.

"Friends and neighbors who knew of the ghostly exercises were averse to staying all night in the house, and the darkies couldn't be bribed to come near the place after nightfall. The sounds never ceased until after the house was torn down, and even its demolition, which it was hoped might reveal the source of its strange and grewsome sound, failed to present any explanation. There are folks living today in Fauquier county," said the relater of the ghost story, "who can, and I have no doubt readily will, testify to the truth of what I have made mention of."—Washington Post.

Those Men!

"I went into the office looking like a fright," said the woman. "I didn't have a chance to straighten my hat or pat my hair or anything. I had intended to primp going up in the elevator, but there was a man standing before each mirror twirling his mustache, and I couldn't even get a peep at myself."—New York Times.

A Sound Reason.

Robert, aged five, was irritated by the crying of Clara, aged two.

"Sister," he said, with great seriousness, "why don't you stop crying? You must be sick. You don't look well, and you don't sound well."

Circumstances are beyond the control of man, but his conduct is in his own power.—Beaumont.

Partners to the End

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One day when Colonel Day came back to his top story room at Mrs. Wilkins' rooming house he found the room next to his occupied. It had been vacant for a year, and the colonel was not only curious, but nettled. The garret of the house was divided into two rooms, and his was one, and he had never even looked into the other, but as he had so long been the sole tenant of the top story he felt that he ought to have been consulted as to a newcomer. When he heard a person moving around in the other half of his domain he went down to Mrs. Wilkins.

The colonel was a man of sixty. He had threadbare garments and an empty purse. While he occupied the cheapest room in the house, it was well known that he was often hard put to pay his rent, while his meals were always taken at the cheapest restaurants. He was a man of dignity and education, and that he had once occupied a place in the world could not be doubted.

"Mrs. Wilkins," began the colonel as he entered the landlady's presence, "I take it that you have rented the other room, and to a female at that?"

"Yes, colonel, but it is to a young woman who is trying hard to make a living."

"But you should have consulted me. I have been with you for a year, and I should hate to remove to other quarters, but please remember that I have certain rights and privileges, and they are not to be abrogated without my consent. I will think it over and consider what steps to take."

Five minutes later he knocked on the door of the other room, and it was opened to him by a young woman of about twenty-five. He bowed stiffly, and she drew aside as an invitation for him to enter. As he looked around the room he saw a cheap old trunk on the floor and a few poor articles of wearing apparel hanging up on the nails driven into the wall. A second glance into the young woman's face told him that she had consumption.

"I came here to ask you why you rented this room," he said as his face softened a little, "but I can see without asking. Miss, let us shake hands."

"For why?" she asked.

"Because I occupy the next room; because we are both victims of fickle fortune; because we should feel sorry for each other; because I feel more sorry for you than you can for me."

"I hardly understand you, sir," she said as she slowly put out her hand.

"You are trying to make a living, I take it?"

"Yes."

"And I am fighting poverty in hopes to live a few years longer, though why I should care to live another week I do not know. The bond of poverty is between us. Let us be friends."

That night, instead of taking his meal at a cheap restaurant, he brought home a loaf of bread and some sausage. Instead of going out to hunt up a cheap place, she went out for a bit of butter and a jar of marmalade. They had dinner together in her room. It was the first of many meals.

The colonel and the young lady got to be very good friends. They counseled with each other; they cheered and encouraged each other; they deceived each other, or tried to, as to what the future had in store. The woman suffered most, and yet she was the bravest hearted. From almost the first day of their meeting they looked forward to certain things. Some day the last of his friends would disappear and his precarious income would cease altogether. He would die before asking a stranger for charity. Some day the disease eating at her lungs would demand the penalty, and there would be no avoiding it. They talked the matter over for an hour and then dropped it and never referred to it again. It was the black shadow in their path, and yet they fought it away. One night, a year later, the colonel came home and found the young woman in bed. The doctor had been there, and the landlady had done all she could do. It was the beginning of the end. The colonel sat down with a softer light on his face than his partner had seen there for weeks, and there was a touch of the exultant in his voice as he said:

"I have come home penniless. The last of my friends has turned his back on me. I am no beggar of alms."

"I am so sorry," she sighed.

"Say rather that you are so glad. You may linger for a month, but you have no hope of getting well."

"None whatever."

"You remember our talk of long ago? The time seemed far off then, but it is here tonight. Why should you be a month in dying? Why should I seek to live for three or four years more?"

"Yes, we had a talk," she quietly said.

"Have you any money?"

"A dime. Take it and buy you something to eat."

"Partners to the last," he said as he smiled and rubbed his hands together. "It makes it far easier where we are to go together. I will be back soon."

"And it is going to happen?" she asked as he returned with a bulky package.

"It must. Why should it not?"

"Yes—why not?"

Half an hour later the colonel sat down beside the bed and kindly said:

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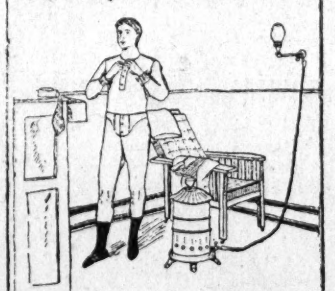
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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 43.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington ..	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount...	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon.....	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg....	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington....	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore.....	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia...	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York.....	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 48.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:13 pm	3:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon.....	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount ..	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson.....	11:47 pm	1:53 pm
Ar Goldsboro.....	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n..	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa.....	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville...	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah.....	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston.....	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia.....	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington....	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford.....	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

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	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern ...	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

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TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n...	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n...	7:11 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton....	7:52 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet....	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet....	9:05 A. M.	8:10 P. M.
Ar. Monroe....	10:50 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte....	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 4.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady, 37 1-2.

ROSIN—Market, steady, $2.65 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.75.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market, firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgni.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine quiet 39 1-2; rosin quiet $2.60; tar, nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	28
Rosin	314
Tar	48
Crude Turpentine	29

Receipts, same day last year 46 casks spirits turpentine; 355 barrels rosin; 63 barrels tar; 49 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 5-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-16c.

Receipts—306 bales, same day last year 2,028 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, January 2nd.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish 90@95c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 9; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market reacted after an early advance and ruled quiet during the afternoon with the close steady, net unchanged to 4 points lower. Sales for the day were estimated at 200,000 bales. The market opened steady at an advance of 4 to 8 points and during the early session sold 6 to 10 points net higher in response to higher cables, larger English spot sales, reports of a better business in Manchester, talk of an increased demand from New England spinners and early reports from the South of steady interior holding.

There was a good deal of realizing at the advance, however, and as there seemed to be very little broadening of demand prices soon developed a reactionary tendency which was probably promoted by bearish week-end figures and large estimates for tomorrow's receipts at leading points. The lowest level of the day was reached in the late trading and the close was within a point or two of the bottom.

A couple of private ginning reports issued during the day each pointed to about 12,450,000 bales ginned to January 1st, and while this reflected a considerable falling off as compared with the previous period, the figures seemed fully as large as expected. Business was fairly active on the early advance, but the market was dull on the decline and the steadiness of the Southern spot markets imparted a steady undertone at the close. The census report is due at the opening on Saturday morning.

Estimated receipts at the ports today were 50,120 bales, against 49,895 last week and 50,305 last year; for the week 240,000 bales against 290,762 last week and 303,945 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 14,017 bales against 12,009 last year, and at Houston 7,461 bales, against 11,696 last year.

Spot cotton quiet; midling uplands 9.35; middling gulf 9.60; sales 122,900 bales. Futures opened steady and closed steady.

Month	Open	Close.
January	9.03	8.93
February	——	8.92
March	9.00	8.92
April	——	8.89
May	9.03	8.93
June	9.00	8.90
July	——	8.91
August	8.91	8.88
September	8.70	8.70
October	8.79	8.68
November	8.73	8.67
December	8.70	——

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Firm, 9; net receipts 21,986; stock 417,443.

New Orleans—Quiet, 8 7-8; net receipts 14,017; stock 343,352.

Mobile—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 3,758; stock 74,460.

Savannah—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 6,095; stock 154.

Charleston—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 245; stock 141.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 3-4; net receipts 306; stock 18,895.

Norfolk—Firm, 9; net receipts 3,298; stock 16,172.

Baltimore—Quiet, 9 1-8; stock 30,611

New York—Quiet, 9.35; stock 29.287.

Boston—Quiet, 9.35; net receipts 241.

Philadelphia—Easy, 9.60; net receipts 79.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 95; stock 1,404.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 50,210; Great Britain 12,094; France 13,987; Continent 14,168; stock 1,017,858.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 68,365; Great Britain 33,952; France 13,987; Continent 42,339.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 6,417,538; Great Britain 1,990(184; France 639,608; Continent 2,014,545; Japan 77,339; Mexico 4,103.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Steady, 8 15-16; net receipts 7,461; stock 150,935.

Augusta—Quiet, 9 1-4; net receipts 1,617; stock 103,566.

Memphis—Steady, 9; net receipts 2,940; stock 195,271.

St. Louis—Steady, 9 1-8; net receipts 278; stock 41,124.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 467; stock 19,294.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-8.

Little Rock—Quiet, 8 7-8; net receipts 733; stock 46,324.

Total today—Net receipts 13,496; gross receipts 19,033; shipments 19,208; sales 7,371; stock 556,514.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Jan. 4.—Cotton: Spot good business done, prices 8 point higher. American middling fair 5.61; good middling 5.25; middling 5.07; low middling 4.87; good ordinary 4.36 ordinary 3.96.

The sales of the day were 15,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 14,900 American. Receipts since last report 86,000 bales including 69,600 American.

Futures opened firm and closed steady. January 4.87 1-2; January and February 4.86; February and March 4.84; March and April 4.85 1-2; April and May, May and June, June and July 4.83; July and August 4.82; August and September 4.74; September and October 4.67 1-2; October and November 4.63 1-2; November and December 4.61; December and January 4.61; January and February 4.60 1-2.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 4.—The dry goods market opened with a tone of conservatism pricilege. Many goods are being charged and deliveries of goods on order are being hurried out by request of buyers. There is more activity in orintcloths and convertibles. Domestic cottons opened firm. Dress goods for Fall will be opened generally in a few days. While a few lines have been shown at last year's figures most agents expect to keep the new price within a five per cent. advance of last Fall. Raw silk opened quiet with an advance noted on Canton brands.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 4.—A very heavy speculation miscarried by the loss of the Consolidated Gas suit to overthrow the New York State law limiting the charge allowed to be made for illuminating gas in New York city to 80 cents per 1,000 feet. The abrupt announcement that the company had lost its suit threw the holders of the stock into a panic and an almost perpendicular drop of 26 1-4 points by intervals as much as 5 points was the consequence. So violent a movement even in a single stock could not be expected to leave the general market unaffected by sympathy. The movement throughout the morning had been feverish and unsettled, marked by spasmodic advances in selected stocks accompanied by heavy realizing under cover of the influence of these advances. The methods followed to incite some of these advances and the inspiration of the allegations on which they were based had a disquieting effect on speculative confidence and gave an impression of unstable forces working for the advance. The Consolidated Gas case incident proved the decisive factor in determining the shifting tide of that sentiment. The immediate force of the gas case was modified by the way left open for a renewal of the suit and was partly neutralized by the clinching of the Standard Oil success in contesting the $29,000,000 fine.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $6,870,900. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales today were 1,565,100 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 4.—Money on call steady 2 to 3 per cent., ruling rate 3, closing bid 2, offered at 2 1-4. Time loans very dull and soft; sixty and ninety days 3 per cent., six months 3 1-2 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to 4 per cent., sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 15 for sixty day bills and at 4.8690 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 3-4 to 7-8. Bar silver 50 3-8. Mexican dallars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	103
U. S. refunding 2s cou	103
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	119 1-2
U. S. 4s cou	120 1-2
Amr Tobacco Co. 6s	106 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	94 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100 1-2
L. & N. Unified 4s	98
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65 1-2
Southern Railway 5s	106
U. S. Steel 5s	102 3-8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	82 7-8
Amr. Car & Foundry	49
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	109 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co	42 1-4
Amr. Locomotive	56 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref	81 5-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	102 1-2
Amr. Sugar Refining	128@132 1-8
Amr. Tobacco pfd	92 1-2
Atchison	99 7-8
Atchison pfd	101 3-8
Atlantic Coast Line	108 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio	110 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92@95
Chesapeake & Ohio	56 1-4
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	149 1-2
Colorado & Southern	57 1-2
Erie	33 3-4
Erie 1st pfd	50
Erie 2nd pfd	39 1-2
Great Northern pfd	146 3-4
Kansas City Southern	40 1-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-2
L. & N.	125 1-4
Norfolk & Western	85 1-8
Northern Pacific	141 1-2
Pennsylvania	133 5-8
People's Gas	103 1-4
Reading	141 1-4
Rock Island Co	24
Rock Island Co. pfd	60 1-2
Southern Pacific	119 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd	121
Southern Railway	25 1-2
Southern Railway pfd	61 1-2
Standard Oil Co	630
Union Pacific	180 7-8
U. S. Steel	52 3-4
U. S. Steel pfd	112 7-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	112@115
Western Union	68 1-2
Westinghouse Electric Co	85

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 4.—Flour dull and about steady.

Rye Flour—Quiet.

Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Buckwheat—Dull.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2, red 1.08 to 1.09 1-2 elevator. Options 1-8c net higher. May 1.12; July 1.06 1-8.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 65 3-4 elevator. Options unchanged; May, July and September 68 3-8.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54 to 54 1-2.

Lard—Firm.

Pork—Firm.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refininд 3.17.

Butter—Steady to firm; creamery specials 33 1-2 (official) 33) do extras 32 1-2 to 33; do thirds to firsts 24 to 31; do held, common to special 23 to 30; process, common to special 18 to 25.

Cheese—Firm; state, full cream specials 14 1-2 to 15 1-2; September, colored or white fancy 14; October best 13 1-2; late made, small best 13; good to prime 11 3-4 to 12 3-4; common to fair 10 1-2 to 11 12; skims full to specials 2 1-2 to 11 3-4.

Eggs—Easier; state, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 39 to 40; do fair to choice 36 to 38; brown and mixed fancy 34 to 36; do first to choice 31 to 33.

Coffee—Steady; Rio No. 7, 6 7-8 to 7; Santos No. 4, 8 8 3-8. Mild dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed barely steady on near and steady on late months with prices net unchanged.

Peanuts—Steady; fancy handpicked 4 3-4 to 5; other domestic 2 to 4 1-2.

Freights to Liverpool—Quiet; cotton by steam 12c grain by steam 1 3-4d.

Potatoes—Barely steady; Bermuda per barrel 4 to 5.00; Maine in bulk 180 pounds 2.50 to 2.62; state and western in bulk per 180 pounds 2.25 to 2.37; Long Island perbarrel 2.75 to 2.87.

Cabbages—Easy; state, white per ton 25 to 35; do red per ton 35 to 40.

Cotton Seed Oil was fairly active with the undertone steady. Bulls less aggressive. Prime crude 31 1-4 to 31 1-2; prime summer yellow 39 1-2 to 39 3-4; off do 38 to 39 1-2; good off do 38 1-4 to 39 1-2; prime white 40 to 45; do winter yellow 45 to 47.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Official prediction of a cold wave for a large part of the winter wheat belt caused strength in the wheat market here today, closing quotations showing net gains of 3-8 to 1-2c. Corn, oats and provisions also closed firm.

Leading futures were as follows:

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
May	1 07 5-8	1 08 1-2	1 08 3-3
July	99	99 5-8	99 5-8
Sept	95 5-8	95 7-8	95 7-8
Corn.			
May	61 1-8	61 1-2	61 1-2
July	61 1-8	61 7-8	61 7-8
Sept	61 1-4	62	62
Oats.			
May	51 3-8	51 3-4	51 3-4
July	46 1-8	46 1-2	46 1-2
Sept	39 1-8	39 1-2	39 1-2
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	16 35	16 47 1-2	16 47 1-2
May	16 60	16 75	16 70
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 50	9 57 1-2	9 55
May	9 72 1-2	9 80	9 80
July	9 80	9 90	9 90
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 40	8 47 1-2	8 47 1-2
May	8 70	8 75	8 75
July	8 82 1-2	8 87 1-2	8 87 1-2

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, firm. No. 2 spring wheat 1.05 1-2 to 1.08; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.05 1-2 to 1.06 7-8. No. 2 corn 58 1-4 to 58 1-2; No. 2 yellow 58 1-2 to 58 3-4. No. 2 white oats 51 1-2; No. 3 white 48 1-2 to 51. No. 2 rye 74. Good feeding barley 59 to 60. Fair to choice malting 61 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.54 1-2. Prime timothy seed 3.90. Clover contract grades 9.20. Short ribs, sides (loose) 8.00 to 8.50. Mess pork, per bbl. 16.45 to 16.50. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.57 1-2. Short clear sides(boxed) 8.62 1-2 to 8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Jan. 4.—Rosin quiet. Turpentine firm at 43 3-4c.

Charleston, Jan. 4.—Spirits turpentine quiet, 37 3-4. Rosin quiet. Quote: A B C D E, 2.92 1-2; F, 2.97 1-2.

Savannah, Jan. 4.—Spirits turpentine firm 38 3-4; sales 451; receipts 651; shipments 1,434. Rosin firm; sales 3,601; receipts 4,949; shipments 7,650; stock 166,464. Quote: B D F, 2 97 1-2; F, 3.02 1-2; G, 3.00 to 3.02 1-2; H, 3.35; I, 4.20; K, 5.10; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. str. Manchester Port, 2,662 tons, Robertson, Hamburg, Heide & Co.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 4, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—65 bales cotton; 20 barrels tar; 8 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—6 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—229 bales cotton; 14 barrels tar; 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Str. May Flower—16 casks spirits turpentine; 179 barrels rosin; 7 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Lillie Pearl—6 bales cotton; 6 casks spirits turpentine; 52 barrels rosin; 6 barrels tar.

Schr. C. T. Herman—6 casks spirits turpentine; 83 barrels rosin; 1 barrel tar.

Total—306 bales cotton; 28 casks spirits turpentine; 314 barrels rosin; 48 barrels tar; 29 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now In Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Manchester Port (Br.) 2,662 tons, Robertson, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

Ada F. Brown, 1,294 tons, Wallace, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel F. Sheppard, 493 tons, Sheppard, C. D. Maffitt.

John H. May, 319 tons, Stille, C. D. Maffitt.

Kineo, 1,867 tons, Patton, C. D. Maffitt.

Rothesay, (Br.) 280 tons, Phipps, C. D. Maffitt.

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Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 2, 1909.
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OTHER SHOCKS ARE INEVITABLE

Another Chapter May Be Added to Terrible Disaster in Italy.

FLAW IN EARTH'S CRUST

Authority From Vesuvius Observatory Declares Something Very Serious May Happen January 7th. The Rescue Work.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Messina, Jan. 5.—Frank Perret, of Brooklyn, assistant to Professor Matteucci, director of the Royal Observatory on Mount Vesuvius, speaking of the disaster here and in Calabria, says that other shocks are inevitable, as there is a flaw in the earth's crust where the slip occurred. He points to heavier shocks for Monday and declare that something possibly very serious may happen January 7th and 8th, when the relative positions of the sun and moon will produce the greatest strain.

Messina, Jan. 4.—Although confused and without system the work of rescue has been carried on bravely by night as well as by day. Searchlights on the warships flood the ruins with their rays and give light to the salvage parties.

The King and Queen of Italy on board the battleship Regina Eleana have given a noble example of devotion. The King with some of his ministers at his side has been directing and supervising the relief work, yet he has found time to visit the field hospitals and speak words of encouragement to his stricken subjects. The Queen has been spending 15 hours a day besides the sick beds, consoling and encouraging. The brunt of the work of rescue has fallen upon the sailors, foreigners as well as Italians, and all have done their duty nobly. Praises of the Russians are on every lip. They hesitated before no danger, digging under tottering walls or entering the unsafest shells when asked to do so by some frantic woman who had not lost all hope that husband or child was still alive.

Although the air in Messina is heavy with the stench of putrifying bodies, severa groups of Sicilians have camped out in the cleared spaces of the city and obstinately refuse the invitation of the authorities to move away.

The survivors of the disaster are so dazed and worn out that they are quite incapable of describing their experiences connectedly, but the accounts of all agree that the devastation was accomplished in less than one minute. The strata below the strait tipped, then a tidal wave rushed in and out, and all was over. Those capable of analyzing their sensations say that when the shock came they felt an upward thrust of the earth. This was followed by an oscillatory motion and the crust of the earth vibrated.

THE HAINS MURDER TRIAL.

The Defendant Testifies in His Own Behalf.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Taking the witness stand in his own defense Thornton Jenkins Hains, for over four hours today related with a wealth of detail the story of the shooting of W. E. Annis and of the conjugal troubles of Captain P. C. Hains, Jr., that counsel asserts caused the mental unbalancing of the army officer and led to the killing of the publisher on sight.

When court adjourned tonight Hains' direct examination had not been concluded and he will likely be on the stand all day tomorrow.

The defendant declared that when he went to Bayside to look at real estate on August 15th he had no idea that his brother was armed and that Annis was at the yacht club. He told the jury that all the shots had been fired by Captain Hains before he rushed to the float to protect his brother from John Tonning, the boatman, and the club members, whom he said he thought would harm the captain. He denied that he pointed a revolver at Mrs. Annis.

The defendant stated that he had no idea how many shots Captain Hains had fired, and when Chas. Robers, a club member, picked the revolver up and the muzzle of the weapon pointed at him, he drew his own gun and told Roberts not to shoot.

SALOONS OPENED ON BARGE

Thirsty Vicksburgers Still Get Drinks in Spite of Prohibition.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 3.—In spite of the State-wide prohibition law which went into effect on January 1, Vicksburgers can get all they want to drink Within 150 feet of the city proper, on the Louisiana side of the Yazoo canal, a saloon has been opened on a barge. Patrons have swarmed across the narrow canal in launches and skiffs, the saloon proprietor furnishing free rides to the thirsty.

Sheriff Sevier of Madison parish, La., has a deputy stationed on the barge to preserve the peace.

President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of The Industrial and Orhpan's Home at Macon, Ga. who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this Institution for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

THE BATTLESHIP FLEET

Enters Suez Canal—First Division Ordered to Naples to Assist in Rescue Work—None Others to Visit Italian Ports.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Suez, Jan. 3.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, completing two days ahead of its schedule the next to the longest run of its world-girding cruise, arrived here this morning from Colombo, a distance of 3,440 knots, from which place the fleet sailed on December 20th. The lass of a seaman from the battleship Illinois, who fell overboard and was drowned, as previously reported, was the only accident to mar the voyage from Colombo. The Illinois remained on the scene to search for the sailor, and is a little behind the fleet.

Despite their long trip, the warships looked as smart and trim as though turned out for a naval review.

At Port Said the crews will coal the battleships with all possible speed so as to be in a position to go quickly to Messina if it is finally determined to send them there.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The first division of Admiral Sperry's battleship fleet has been directed to go to Naples to assist in the relief work. The remainder of the fleet is to be distributed at various points on the Mediterranean at Admiral Sperry's discretion. None of the other Italian ports are to be visited by the American battleships.

The decision against the warships visiting other Italian ports was on the ground that it was inadvisable in view of Italy's great grief to permit to have entertainment or shore leave there. Two of the battleships will go to Toulon, France, and two others (additional to the Ohio and Missouri) will go to Turkish points.

This programme will not interfere with the assembling of the fleet as originally contemplated at Gibraltar prior to their leaving for Hampton Roads.

The ships of the first division which are to go to Naples, include the flagship Connecticut, the Kansas, the Vermont and the Minnesota.

It is not supposed that Admiral Sperry's first division will remain long at Naples ,as by the time they arrive there the relief work will have been pretty thoroughly organized. The fleet is scheduled to arrive at Hampton Roads February 22nd, and it was said at the Navy Department today that there was no reason to suppose that the changed conditions would delay that event.

THE FEDERAL COURT JUDGESHIP

North Carolina Delegation Urges Judge Adams' Appointment.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 4.—E. C. Duncan, national committeeman from North Carolina, also United States marshal of the Eastern district of that State, headed a delegation of lawyers from North Carolina today to urge upon the President the nomination of former Judge Spencer B. Adams, as judge of the Eastern district of North Carolina to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Judge Purnell. The delegation stated that Mr. Adams had the endorsement of the three Republican members-elect of the House, as well as Judge Peter C. Pritchard and many others.

The President also received a delegation from the Birmingham, Alabama bar, introduced by Representative Underwood, protesting against the nomination of Oscar R. Hundley, as judge of the Northern District of Alabama. The delegation requests the withdrawal of the nomination of Mr. Hundley, and if they fail in that will carry their fight to the Senate, they assert. Judge Hundley's nomination has been before the Senate for about 20 months, but has not yet been confirmed.

ROCKEFELLER ON THE STAND.

Trial of Indictment Against the Newspaper Men Began.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New ork, Jan. 4.—The action for criminal libel brought on complaint of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., against S. S. Carvalho, Bradford Merrill and E. H. Clark, officers of the Star Publishing Company, which publishes the New York American, was begun today in the Center Street police court before Magistrate Moss. Mr. Rockefeller testified that the article in the American in which he was accused of having caused a system of peonage to be adopted by a certain breakfast food company of Chicago, was false in every particular. He had not set foot in Chicago he declared, for nearly two years.

Clarence J. Shearn, attorney for the defendants, submitted a retraction printed on the day following the publication of the original story, as evidence that the libel had not been committed with malicious intent. Mr. Shearn then cross-examined the witness and secured from him an admission that while he had sworn in his original complaint that he "knew of his own personal knowledge" that the defendants were officers of the Star Publishing Company, that knowledge had in reality been based simply "upon information and belief."

Mr. Shearn contended that this constituted perjury on the part of Mr. Rockefeller and promptly applied for a warrant for his arrest on that charge.

Former President Castro, of Venezuela, was operated upon in Berlin, yesterday by Dr. Israel, the German specialist, for the kidney complaint for which he is suffering. It is understood that Castro is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

What promised to be an uneventful day's racing at Thunderbolt, Ga., ended in great excitement last afternoon when Greenhow fell and broke her neck on the first turn in the last race. Jockey A. Lee was injured, breaking his collar bone.

MUCH LAUGHTER IN THE HOUSE

Over The President's Message on The Secret Service Matter.

THE MESSAGE REFERRED

To The Committee Which First Had the Matter in Charge—Motion to Return the Message to the President Made.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 4.—Unusual attention was paid in the House of Representatives today to the reading of a message from the President replying to a resolution of that body calling upon him for an explanation of the intimation in his annual message that members of Congress were afraid to be investigated by the secret service. The galleries were packed to the doors.

The President's specific references to certain speeches by Messrs. Tawney, of Minnesota; Smith, of Wyoming; Sherley, of Kentucky and Fitzgerald, New York, when the provision for the restriction of the operations of the secret service was up for discussion, and also to Mr. Busby the Speaker's private Secretary, created a storm of laughter. The Speaker several times vigorously rapped for order.

In commenting on the President's reference to him in the message, Mr. Busby said: "I am an employee of the House of Representatives. It would not be appropriate for me in anyway to make any comment on the matter now before the House. I will say, however, that the article quoted from the Chicago Inter-Ocean in the President's message was prepared in the regular course of work as a newspaper correspondent when I was the representative of the Inter-Ocean. I doubt if a dozen members of Congress ever saw the article or heard of it until today."

As the reading of the message proceeded many of the members chuckled, others laughed outright, while some were prone to joke with their neighbors.

When the reading had been concluded Mr. Perkins, of New York; chairman of the special committee, which originally considered the matter, moved that the message be referred to that committee.

"Is an amendment in order to that motion?" inquired Mr. Griggs, of Georgia in a dilberate voice.

"It is," replied the Speaker."

"Then," said Mr. Griggs, "I move that this message be returned to the President."

"Oh no, Oh no," shouted several of Mr. Griggs Democratic colleagues.

Mr. Perkins insisted that the message should go to the special committee and in the meantime Mr. Griggs withdrew his motion, saying he took that action at the request of his party leaders.

The message was referred.

THE PITTSBURG BOODLERS.

True Bills Found Against The Seven Arrested.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pittsburg, Jan. 4.—The seven councilmen accused of accepting bribes and conspiring to secure bribes and the two former bankers accused of giving bribes, all of whom were arrested two weeks ago tonight upon complaint of the Voters' League, were indicted late today by a grand jury empaneled this morning. True bills were found as follows:

T. O. Atkinson, select councilman, bribery and accepting bribes.

William Brand, president of Common Council, bribery and accepting bribes and conspiracy.

John F. Klein, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes, and conspiracy.

Joseph C. Wasson, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes and conspiracy.

Jacob Soffel, common councilman, bribery and acepting bribes.

W. H. Melaney, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes.

Hugh Ferguson, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes.

W. W. Ramsey, former president of German National Bank, offering and giving bribes.

A. A. Vilsack, former cashier of same bank, offering and giving bribes.

All of the accused gave bond soon after their arrest and these bonds will stand until the court hearings. There is every indication that these hearings will be held almost immediately.

The cruiser Montana left Norfolk yesterday on an endurance run of several days, which will bring her back to Hampton Roads to join the North Carolina after repairs to the latter. Both cruisers will then proceed to Charleston from which point President-elect Taft will start for Panama.

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AMERICA'S GENEROSITY

Congress' First Action Was to Appropriate Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars For Aid of Sufferers by the Earthquake.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Wilmington, Jan. 4.—Bountiful provisions for the earthquake sufferers of Italy was made by Congress today and that, too, by unanimous vote.

In the House there was vigorous handclapping as the bill carrying the appropriation was sent on its way. The munificent sum of $800,000 was granted almost immediately after the reception in both Houses of a message from the President calling attention to the clamity and the pressing need for aid for the stricken of a sister nation.

No such generous help ever was extended to a stricken people by this Government before. The legislators, anticipating the President's message and filled with a sympathetic desire to lend their votes to any proposition which would bring relief, were early in their seats and prepared to take immediate action.

Confident that the further contributions of the American public will justify its assumption of responsibility in authorizing Ambassador Griscom at Rome to charter and load with supplies a relief vessel and also to transport refugees, the American National Red Cross advanced the necessary means wherewith to meet the suggestion of the ambassador and his committee of Americans in Rome. Over $330,000 has been collected through the Red Cross alone, of which $60,000 represents the advance referred to, one-half of which the Christian Herald has agreed to raise.

President Roosevelt in a message to Congress today asked for a direct appropriation of $500,000. At the conference at the White House last night, attended by the Speaker, $500,000 was agreed upon as the amount which shrould be appropriated. Ten minutes before the House convened the Speaker received a letter from the White House, suggesting that the amount be increased to $800,000. Before any action could be taken by the Committee on Appropriations the House was in receipt of the President's message on the subject. At the hurried meeting of the committee in front of the Speaker's desk the $500,000 the committee had placed in its measure was increased to conform with the President's latter recommendation.

EIGHTY CENTS GAS LAW.

Federal Supreme Court Dismisses the Injunction.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Jan. 4.—Speaking for the entire membership of the Supreme Court of the United States Justice Peckham, of that court, today announced the decision of the court in the cases of the Public Service Commission of New York, the City of New York, and the Attorney General of New York vs. the Consolidated Gas Company of New York City, which involved the validity of the 80 cent gas law of that city. In effect the decision upheld the law, but it closed with the intimation that if after practical test the rate fixed should prove to be unremunerative, the gas company should have the privilege of reviving the case.

The court failed to pass specifically upon the question of the constitutionality of the law as an entirety, but did pronounce invalid some of its features, as, for instance, that prescribing the amount of pressure to be required of the company. In the main, however, the tenor of the decision was to the effect that the gas company has been premature in its prayer for relief in that it presented its petition for an injunction before there had been an opportunity to test the operation of the law.

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